



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday March 28, 1996

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## County voters choose Dole

Light turnout gives Dole 340 votes to Buchanan's 268

Apathetic voters in Crawford County showed their displeasure with presidential candidates and/or the presidential primary process by staying away from the polls on primary day, Tuesday, March 19.

Less than 9 percent (8.74%) of the county's 9,393 registered voters bothered to cast their ballots. Those

who did, gave Senator Bob Dole the nod by a vote of 340-268 over Patrick Buchanan. Other candidates and uncommitted votes totaled 113.

Commenting on the low voter turnout, Crawford County Republican Chairman Arthur Thayers said, "I think a lot of people don't understand the presidential primary process and

because of that they don't show much interest. I also think the national news media said Dole had it all locked up so voters didn't bother to go to the polls."

Dole won the State of Michigan by receiving 51 percent of the statewide vote. Buchanan received 34 percent of the statewide vote.

Precinct	Location	Dole	Buchanan
101	Beaver Creek	35	26
201	Frederic	25	25
301	Grayling Twp.	15	19
302	"	27	22
303	"	67	41
304	"	27	32
305	"	13	15
306	"	02	00
401	Lovells	28	11
501	Maple Forest	14	07
601	South Branch	32	22
701	City of Grayling	55	48
Total		340	268

**F-16 FIGHTING FALCON**--This F-16 Fighting Falcon is similar to the Ohio Air National Guard jet that crashed on the Camp Grayling Air to Ground Bombing Range on Tuesday, March 19. In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft. An Air Force investigation team has been assembled to determine the cause of the crash, although any determination could be months in coming. Photo by SMSGT James O. Tenney

## Local man stands mute to 16 counts of animal abandonment

By Linda Sherwood  
Staff Writer

Ira V. Grounds Sr., 59, stood mute in 83rd District Court on Friday, March 22, when charged with 16 counts of animal abandonment/cruelty and failure to provide care to animals.

Roberta Chrispell of Merritt, was appointed as Grounds' attorney. She asked that his \$10,000 bond be reduced or waived due to the fact that her client is indigent. She stated that Grounds' only income is Social Security benefits for one of his five children. Chrispell stated that prior to these charges, Grounds had no criminal record in the state of Michigan or any other states.

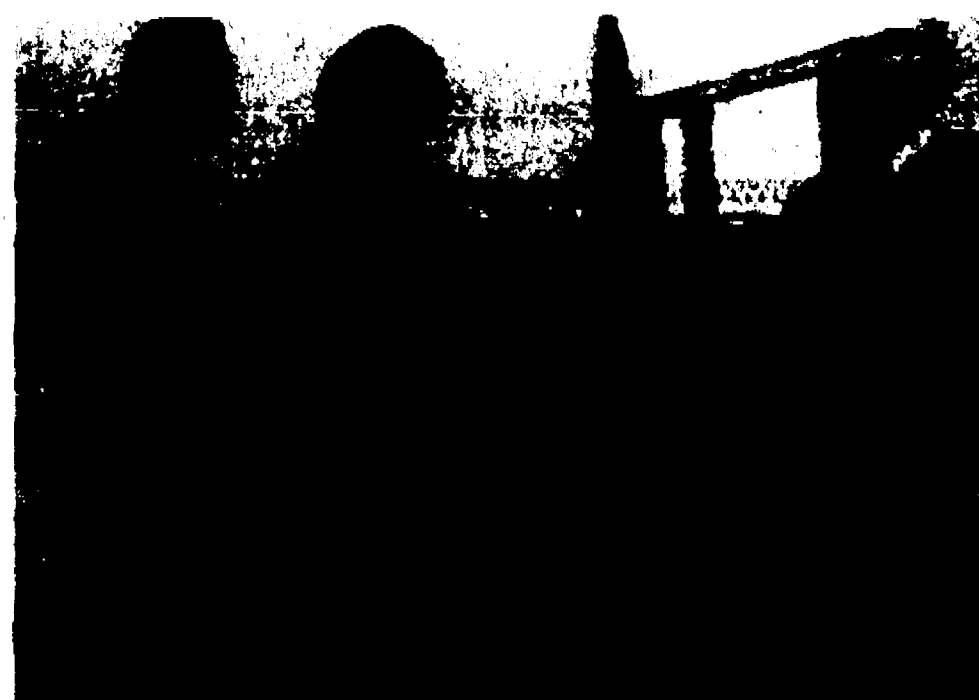
Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss objected to reducing or waiving the \$10,000 bond. Huss stated that Grounds does not have substantial ties to the community.

Of the rest of the Grounds family, Huss said, "We have reason to believe they have left the state."

According to Huss, Grounds' wife, Hope, told a neighbor that the family was moving to Indiana. Huss said there was no one residing in Grounds' home on Sherman Road for the past two days and that Dave Vogel, officer, had found that Grounds' children had not been in attendance at school in the past two days.

Sheriff deputies had been to the Grounds residence to serve an arrest warrant for Hope Grounds shortly before Ira Grounds' arraignment hearing and found no one at the residence, according to Huss.

The dead animals were found by neighborhood children who were playing in the area. According to neighbors, the Grounds returned twice a day to care for the animals right after they moved. Neighbors assumed the



**NO PLEA**--Ira V. Grounds (L) stands mute before Judge Francis Walsh on 16 charges of animal cruelty. Grounds' attorney is Roberta Chrispell (C). Grounds is being held on \$10,000 bond.

animals had been relocated when the Grounds quit returning to the home.

Animal Control Officer Dixie Lobsinger said it is not surprising that neighbors did not hear the animals. The type of animals abandoned on the property are not known to make a lot of noise. Geese, for example, rarely make noise unless they are disturbed, said Lobsinger. Rabbits and goats are fairly quiet animals.

Lobsinger told the Avalanche that she located a second set of pens another 100 to 150 feet back in the woods from the first set. The snow is too deep to determine if any animals are located in the pens, but she did see duck feet sticking up through the snow.

"I'm kind of scared of what I will find," said Lobsinger.

Huss told the Avalanche that there was no food in the stomach of any of the animals. The only thing found in

the animals' stomachs was their own waste, he said.

The counts involve the deaths of one guinea pig, one dog, six chickens, one turkey, four geese, one duck and two rabbits. The misdemeanor charges carry a maximum penalty of 93 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine for each count and/or 200 hours of community service. Grounds was not charged with animal cruelty concerning the goat pictured in last week's Avalanche, because an autopsy has not yet been performed on the animal. The goat is still frozen to the ground inside the shed.

Grounds could also be ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution and the costs of veterinary medical care for the animal, which would be the cost of the autopsies. The court could also order Grounds, as a condition of

By Terry Wright  
News Editor

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted at its Tuesday, March 19 meeting to remove the entire board of directors at the county's Commission on Aging (COA).

The action came as the direct result of months of controversy surrounding COA administration and friction between the COA board and the former COA director.

When the vote was taken to remove the board, a group of approximately 30 senior citizens applauded.

The former COA board members included, Mary Harland, Chairperson; Bob Bovee, Vice Chairman; Jack Mahank; Larry Mattis; Judy Baker; and Betty Price.

The former director was Carol Kolka. Her contract was not renewed when it expired in February, despite the fact that she had the support of a large majority of the active senior community.

The commissioners immediately voted to re-establish a COA board by advertising for persons interested in serving. In the interim, commission Chairman Bruce Bretzke was re-appointed to represent county government on the COA board.

Bretzke issued a challenge to the community and the many different

civic and social organizations to submit names of people who would conscientiously serve on the board.

"We need a broader representation of the community on this board," Bretzke said. "I would also urge the seniors in this room to make sure the people you want as representatives on the COA board submit their names."

Former COA board member Judy Baker agreed with the action of the county commission, even though it meant losing her position on the COA board. She said she will re-apply.

Baker said, "What the commission did by removing the COA board is certainly a beginning to healing. The new board needs to work openly with the seniors to move forward."

The following evening, at the regularly scheduled COA board meeting, Bretzke stood alone before a

group of approximately 50 seniors. He told the group that now is the time to heal old wounds. He explained that a new COA board would be chosen by the county commission after the Monday, April 8, application deadline. Bretzke chose commissioners John Hartman and Kathy Black to help him go through the applications. He also told the seniors to choose two representatives to assist in screening applications, although they would not have a vote in determining which applicants would be recommended to the full board of commissioners.

Once a full COA board is chosen, it will be their responsibility to hire a full-time director.

"Neutral ground has been held on this issue by your county commission," Bretzke said. "We did not side with

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## McLachlan asks for day in court

By Terry Wright  
News Editor

Crawford County Commissioner Robert McLachlan Sr. has asked for his day in court to determine his guilt or innocence as to allegations of having a conflict of interest.

Prosecuting Attorney John Huss had presented McLachlan with a written opinion listing 13 instances in which Huss believed he had violated statutes on conflict of interest. Huss stated that McLachlan is liable to the county for a penalty of \$100 per conflict.

Huss told the commission he has not investigated avenues which would

allow the pursuit of collecting the \$1,300 penalty since Michigan law does not make conflict of interest, as the part of a county commissioner, a criminal offense.

The controversy stems from a contract McLachlan has with an affiliate of City Management of Detroit, purchasers of the former Crawford-Osego Landfill in 1991.

Huss wrote that because McLachlan did not disclose the contract, he was in violation, in 1994 and 1995, for participating in commission votes on landfill related issues.

At the county commission meeting held on Tuesday, March 19,

McLachlan said his private legal counsel disagrees with Huss' findings. McLachlan asked the commission for the opportunity to be proven innocent in a court of law, if necessary.

McLachlan joined other commissioners in a unanimous vote to direct Huss to investigate the matter further.

Commenting on the action Commission Chairman Bruce Bretzke said, "Everyone deserves the right to an opportunity to prove themselves innocent. This controversy has dragged on so long I believe it was only proper for the commission to grant Mr. McLachlan's request."

## Judge Murphy takes oath



**46TH CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**--Judge Dennis Murphy recently took the oath of office, administered here by fellow 46th Circuit Court Judge Alton T. Davis. Present during the oath were his wife Terry, their sons Tim and Dan, ages eight and 10, and their daughter Kate, age five. See story page 2A.

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## Commission on Aging board removed

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any faction. There is nothing political or promised to anybody. We're starting at ground zero. We've done what we can, now the ball is in your court."

He said, "Now is the time to bandage each other up no matter what faction you belong to. Now is the time to put someone else's needs ahead of your own, even if you disagree with them."

Bretzke encouraged members of the former COA board to re-apply saying, "We live in a free democracy. They have as much right as anyone to apply for a position. The important thing is that everything is done right, and it will be — correctly, honestly

and in the sunshine."

Pointing at the audience Bretzke asked, "Do you want to be a peacemaker?"

With nearly unanimous and enthusiastic approval, a group of six seniors volunteered to serve as a peacemaking committee. Les Hunter and Art Boettcher were appointed as co-chairman. Other members included Larry Wilson, Marian Mapes, Jim Shaffer and Violet LaFountain.

Hunter moved quickly to establish his new role. When confronted by a skeptical, 15-year resident of the senior housing complex, Hunter said, "Lady, do you know what you need? You need a good hug." They embraced.

## Dennis Murphy sworn in as 46th Circuit Court Judge

Former Otsego County Prosecuting Attorney Dennis Murphy, was recently sworn in as 46th Circuit Court Judge for Crawford County, succeeding Judge William Porter who retired last month.

Fellow 46th Circuit Judge Alton Davis, administered the oath of office to Judge Murphy, while the Murphy family observed. Coincidentally, Murphy was previously sworn in as county prosecuting attorney by Judge Davis in 1990.

"I am looking forward to working

with Judge Davis and to continuing the long tradition of a fair and efficient judiciary in our circuit court," Judge Murphy said.

"While I cannot replace Judge Porter, who enjoyed a very distinguished 20-year judicial career, I pledge to follow and apply the law even-handedly," Judge Murphy added that, "My goal is to work hard and to serve all the county residents in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego."

Judge Dennis Murphy, age 41, has extensive civil and criminal jury trial experience. In his 16-year career, he has been a private practitioner, a senior assistant prosecutor in Lapeer, the chief district prosecutor in Genesee County, and a prosecuting attorney here in northern Michigan.

He has also been appointed special prosecutor for many counties in Michigan, including Crawford, Antrim, Emmet, Cheboygan and Wayne.

"Having lived and worked in many communities throughout our great state, I am most grateful and fortunate to be able to live and work right here in northern Michigan," Murphy said.

Murphy's family roots in northern Michigan trace back to the early 1800s, where the Murphy's were loggers for many years. In the early 1900s, his grandfather lived and worked at the Hotel Murphy in Sigma, Kalkaska County. The hotel, which was abandoned when the logging industry dwindled around 1918, was originally built, and then re-built after a fire, by his great-grandparents and great-uncles.

## Animal cruelty

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parole, not to own or possess an animal for a period of time not to exceed the period of probation.

There were animals at the Grounds residence on Sherman Road, including dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, according to Lobsinger, when deputies served the arrest warrant for Ira Grounds. When attempts were made to serve a warrant for Hope Grounds on Friday, officers did walk around the home. There were no animals located outside the home and nothing barked at the officers from inside. A search warrant has not been issued by Huss, so it can't be confirmed that there aren't any animals in the home, which has remained empty since Thursday, March 21.



**PEACEMAKERS AT THE SENIOR CENTER--** Art Boettcher (L.) and Les Hunter were named as co-chairmen of the committee to promote peace, goodwill and prosperity among the senior citizens utilizing the services of the Commission on Aging.

### Crawford County Sheriff Department



**Sheriff  
Patrol**

By Linda Sherwood

For the week of March 18-24

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 99 incidents during the week of Monday, March 18, to Sunday, March 24.

Carol and Dominic Frankina of Grayling, lost their home to a fire at approximately 11:41 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19. No one was in-residence when the fire began. The Beaver Creek Fire Department, along with other units from Grayling Fire Department and South Branch Fire Department reported to the scene of the fire. The house was fully engulfed in flames when fire departments arrived. Although the official cause of the fire hasn't been released, it is believed to be accidental. The sheriff department helped control traffic and NorthFlight EMS was on location to assist also.

An arson attempt was reported on Saturday, March 23, on North Peterson Road. The investigating deputy found several boxes of matches under a door mat on the enclosed porch. It looked to the deputy like kids had been playing there. The porch suffered some damage.

Deputies investigated four larcenies during the week. On Monday, March 25, larceny of unleaded gas was reported stolen from a tank on private property at approximately 1 a.m. Food stamps were reported stolen from South Oak Road on Monday, March 18.

A resident on Alexia Lane reported a 1973 Chevy Caprice convertible stolen on Monday, March 25. The dark green vehicle with a white, ragtop was last seen around midnight on Sunday. The vehicle has handicapped plates. Another report of a vehicle theft was inaccurate. A 1979 Cadillac was reported stolen from Margrethe Boulevard on Saturday, March 23. The person identified as the thief was able to show deputies the bill of sale.

A jeep was vandalized while parked at the Grayling High School on Wednesday, March 20. Tapes, speakers and compact discs were reported missing from the vehicle. The jeep was one of two malicious destruction of property incidents investigated by the sheriff department.

A 45-year-old woman will be receiving a ticket through the mail for failing to stop for a school bus. The school bus was on Margrethe Boulevard at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, March 18, when the woman drove on past the bus, which had its flashing lights on. The woman was later stopped by a deputy and informed that she would be receiving a ticket in the mail.

A 1995 Polaris snowmobile was stolen at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 from Lewiston Grade Road.

During the week deputies also investigated one criminal sexual conduct charge, two assaults, four public peace disturbances, two drunk driving incidents in which both drivers were lodged and 23 accidents.

Information for Sheriff Patrol is obtained from the records and deputy statements of the Crawford County Sheriff Department.

### Sexton explains cemetery closure

Many citizens have noticed that the entrances to Elmwood Cemetery are blocked. Peter W. Stephan, cemetery sexton, states that the reason for doing so is twofold. First, to keep vehicles from getting stuck in deep snow, and secondly, to let roads dry out and keep ruts to a minimum.

The cemetery roads will open again as soon as weather permits.

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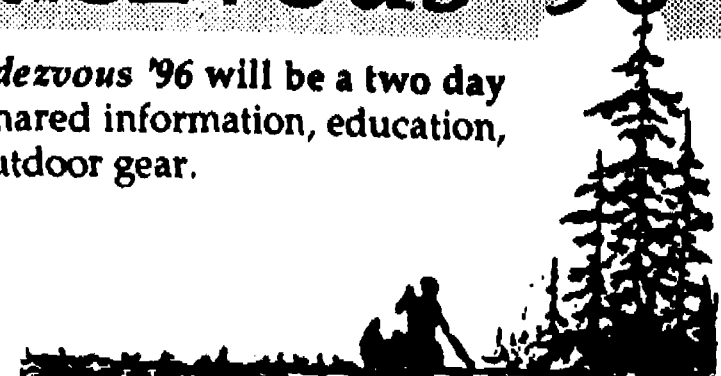
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# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Bischoff to head conservation district board

Jim Bischoff of Roscommon County's Denton Township, was elected chairman of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Board of Directors March 6.

Bischoff succeeds Walt Neilson of Crawford County's South Branch Township. Neilson was elected vice-

chairman, a post formerly held by Bischoff. Glenn Schicker of Markey Township, Roscommon County, will continue a secretary-treasurer.

The board meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, at the district office, 409 Lake St., Roscommon.

## Help center to offer telephone service to job seekers

Crawford County Community Christian Help Center opened Aug. 5, 1992. Since then, it has served the residents of Crawford County as a food pantry. The center also has sponsored nutrition classes and gives referrals to other agencies and churches.

In 1993, the center began handling the Christmas project for this area. This had been done by the Business and Professional Women's Club for many years.

In 1995, the board of directors of the help center formed a task force, to find additional needs of the community.

They recommended establishing a telephone message service, to serve unemployed persons who are applying for jobs and have no telephone. The help center applied for and received a grant from Weyerhaeuser to establish this service. Agencies and prospective employers may refer persons to the center for this service. The person can sign up at the center and be given the use of the message telephone number. Messages may then be picked up or called for at the center.

The community has been great in the support it has given the help center, as they continue to serve in new ways. This service will begin April 15.

## Public meeting set on Manistee River management

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will hold a public information meeting at the following location to discuss the future management of the Manistee/Pine River system under provisions of Part 305 (natural rivers) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The meeting will be held Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m., at the Garfield Township Hall on Sharon Road, in Fife Lake.

The purpose of this meeting is to update the public on the progress of the natural river designation effort for the Manistee/Pine River system, answer any questions about the natural rivers program and gather public input regarding the designation process.

Michigan natural river designation helps protect, preserve and enhance the fisheries, wildlife, scenic, aesthetic and other values of Michigan's finest river systems by assuring that the rivers and their adjoining lands are protected from unwise use and development. The DNR has formed four citizen advisory groups to help develop a comprehensive Natural River Management Plan for the mainstems and tributaries in the Manistee/Pine

River system. The groups meet monthly to discuss river management issues and make recommendations regarding use and development of the river and its adjoining public and private lands.

Most advisory groups have made recommendations regarding streams to be designated as natural rivers. Some groups have made recommendations regarding allowable commercial use in the river corridor, such as campgrounds, canoe liveries and rental cabins. Most groups have made, or are beginning to discuss, recommendations regarding use and development of the river and its adjoining public and private lands.

For further information regarding the public meeting or the natural rivers program, contact Dan Pearson, Natural Rivers Program, Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 335-3441.

## Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

### Go away, snow!

Here we are, in the last week of March, and it is still snowing. But, the good side is, that better weather can't be far away.

The few who are still fishing through the ice for panfish seem to be catching some bluegills, perch, and crappie. Still lots of ice everywhere in this area.

Steelhead are coming into the rivers all up and down the west coast. That will just get better over the next three weeks or so. Don't forget that new licenses are required by the first of April. The pricing is the same as last year, and there are no significant changes in the rules.



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## Easter Bunny to visit FES

The Easter Bunny will be at the Frederic Elementary School on Thursday, March 28, in the morning, for all the classes, and for Frederic and Maple Forest preschoolers.

The Easter Bunny visit is sponsored by Workers In Frederic.

## Local shepherd heads for canine college

"Northstar's Micki's Vendetta," a black/red, female german shepherd from Northstar Shepherds Kennels has been accepted into the service dog program of Support Dogs Inc. according to the dog's owner Deborah Robinson.

Support Dogs Inc., based in St. Louis, Missouri, trains dogs to assist disabled persons in both service and therapeutic needs.

Micki's Vendetta underwent rigorous screening and testing to determine that she would make a suitable candidate for the Support Dog program.

People with disabilities achieve greater independence with the help of Support Dogs, Inc.'s specially-bred and trained service dogs. With the help of these dogs, people with disabilities accomplish daily living tasks that previously would have been excessively fatiguing or even impossible.

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- loading wheelchairs into vehicles,
- pulling wheelchairs long distances and up ramps,
- providing stability for handicapped persons transferring into or out of their wheelchairs, and
- retrieving objects and answering telephones.

## Local public hearing set on post-production costs of oil/gas

Northern Michigan residents will get an opportunity to voice their opinions on post-production costs from oil and gas royalties, according to State Representative Allen Lowe.

Lowe, of Grayling, said the Natural Resources Commission has scheduled an April 10 hearing on the issue at the Grayling Holiday Inn from 1 to 5 p.m. The 105th District lawmaker recently urged the commission and other officials to hear what the public had to say.

"There's a lot at stake and local input is essential," said Lowe, a member of the House Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee. "The individuals contacting my office are extremely upset."

Lowe and the commission are also asking Attorney General Frank Kelley to issue an opinion on whether oil and gas firms can legally deduct expenses from state and private royalty payments.

Post-production costs are incurred by oil and gas companies for gathering, transporting and processing hydrocarbon products so they can be marketed. Since companies began taking the deductions in 1993, millions

of dollars have been diverted from the state treasury and private landowners who lease their mineral rights.

Individuals and local governments throughout northern Michigan, are expressing their frustration to Lowe and other lawmakers.

"Post-production costs have become a big issue. The reduction in royalty checks has left many area residents asking how this policy was implemented," Lowe said.

The deductions were listed in guidelines drafted by the DNR's Real Estate Division in November 1993. Critics charge the oil and gas companies are using the rules designed for state and land royalties to justify charges to private leaseholders.

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, representing eight counties in the region, is concerned about the leasing policy and its "severe ramifications" on private landowners.

"A consensus is building. I agree with local residents and officials that this policy needs thorough review," Lowe said. "Convening a public meeting is the first important step in any indepth examination."

## Spring piano recital held

On Sunday, March 24, the piano students of Judy Englund presented their spring piano recital at Heritage Baptist Church. About 60 people were in attendance.

Those performing were Judy Englund, Natasha McCuan, Patricia Arnold, Shawn McCuan, Heidi Englund, Hannah Miller, Anne

Nettleton, Megan Fekete, Tiffany Pizzi, Mary Bobenmoyer, Nathan Lowe, John McNamara, Krysta Lowe, Charley McNamara, Monica Barr and Jessica Scott.

Gifts were given to each student, and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the recital.

## We Care About Kids

### Calling all Kindergartners!

Planning has begun for fall of '96. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, please fill out a Kindergarten class survey.

These forms may be obtained at local pre-schools, day care centers and elementary schools. Please return survey to Grayling Elementary or Frederic Elementary by Wed., April 17th.

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

## Michigan illustrates Dole problem

IT'S ALL OVER but for the formalities, and —for a change— Michigan voters had a hand in deciding what was going to happen. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, riding a wave of mid-continent popularity, picked up enough delegates in the Michigan-Ohio-Illinois-Wisconsin primary voting to clinch the Republican nomination for president.

Mr. Dole carried all four states in the GOP voting, burying Pat Buchanan in the process.

Mr. Dole received 60-65 percent of the Republican vote in Ohio and Illinois and more than 50 percent in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Although that's winning, it's only part of the story.

IN ALL FOUR states, Bob Dole had most of the party leaders and party organizations in his corner.

Yet, Mr. Buchanan received a respectable 20-25 percent of the vote in Ohio and Illinois, and an even more

respectable 35 percent of the vote in both Michigan and Wisconsin.

That means, among other things, that a lot of Republican voters are not too thrilled with Bob Dole as their candidate.

It also means that a lot of Republican voters may be buying the Buchanan line of discontent and dissatisfaction.

And finally, it means that Republican Bob Dole is in for one whale of a battle in the November general election.

The real winner of the primaries in these four states—especially in Michigan—may well have been President Bill Clinton.

OF COURSE, part of the Michigan Republican performance can be attributed not to Republicans but to Democrats, who had no primary of their own and crossed party lines to help Republicans make their choice.

In a Republican primary, for whom will marauding Democrats vote?

Certainly not for the mainstream, Bob Dole.

It seems obvious some of the thousands of usually Democratic voters plunked for Pat Buchanan simply to embarrass Mr. Dole and the GOP regulars, including—at least by association—the formally non-committal Republican Gov. John Engler.

But it's also probable that thousands of usual Democrats honestly prefer Pat Buchanan and his blue-collar, lunch-bucket, anti-NAFTA, protectionist economic policies, or perhaps his messages that approach ethnic and social intolerance.

INVADING THE opposition primary is only natural in a state with the open primary system, which Michigan has.

Republicans did the same thing very effectively almost 30 years ago for George Wallace in a Democratic presidential primary and causing

chagrin and red faces among Democratic poobahs, who then were seriously trying to pick a strong candidate...and not Mr. Wallace, who, as it turns out, was spouting a line not too dissimilar from the Buchanan bombast of 1996.

Although at this point it may look bright for President Clinton, in politics, it is best to keep in mind that anything can happen, especially in the unexpected.

With Ross Perot and the Reform Party maneuvering on the sidelines, with Ralph Nader pursuing a modest independent campaign, with Pat Buchanan savoring the taste of modest victories and exhaustive exposure and very likely wanting more...

It's still going to be an exciting political year.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## JIM FITZGERALD

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My VCR was in the repair shop for three weeks, waiting for a part. I was surprised it wasn't readily available, because the VCR is practically new.

The repairman said I had it all wrong.

Because the VCR is practically new, he said, it shouldn't need a part replaced, and it doesn't make good business sense to keep a replacement part readily available if it isn't going to be needed.

If the VCR were old, it would be easier to find a part for it.

But, the repairman said, if the VCR were old, rather than fix it with a replacement part, it would probably be cheaper to buy a new VCR.

If it worked that way for people, youngsters couldn't get transplants, and oldsters would be Kleenex.

Until recently, my second car, a 10-year-old Oldsmobile, was driven only on short in-town errands, to pick up stuff at a store or children at a school. No heavy duty on the freeway. I didn't want to strain it.

The Olds has less than 80,000 miles on it, and its replacement tires, brakes, exhaust system and battery probably haven't been used more than 1,000 miles. It's in excellent shape, and I want to keep it that way for when I needed it.

I liked to think of me and my Olds as something like my wife and her best silverware. She uses it only once every year or so, but shines it regularly, and takes comfort in knowing it's in top shape and immediately usable if unexpected royalty drops in.

I took comfort in knowing that, if for any reason my 1-year-old Lincoln weren't available when needed on I-75, I could always drive the Olds.

Except when I needed the Olds last

week, it wouldn't start.

I told a mechanic that was strange, because it had run fine a few days earlier, on a grocery trip, and hadn't been out of our garage since. I stressed that I wasn't completely mechanically impaired and I knew that cars must be exercised regularly or they'll die parked. I said I made sure the Olds got out and around at least once a week.

The mechanic asked how often I drove it 60 m.p.h. or more. I said I always drove it on streets with speed limits under 40. I said I was much more comfortable speeding in the newer Lincoln, rather than the Olds, because odds are the Lincoln is less likely to break down on the freeway, which can be irritating.

The mechanic said such slow exercise could hurt the Olds more than help it. If I want to depend on the Olds to start for very occasional freeway speeding, when the Lincoln isn't available, I will have to speed the Olds on the freeway very often, when the Lincoln is available.

If it worked that way for the best silverware, we'd have to eat with it every day, or visiting royalty would choke on it once a year.

My wife's dilemma is she loves holding and petting the cat that lives next door and visits us incessantly because it's a relative by grandchildren. And she loves studying the rabbits that frequently come out of the woods and pose like statues on our lawn.

But the cat—even though declawed—regularly kills a rabbit and dumps it on the porch.

Also, my wife loves watching squirrels frisk in the trees. And she loves watching various birds eat the feed she puts in the box hanging from the porch.

But the squirrels eat all the bird

feed, so the birds don't come around much.

Also, she loves laughing at a fat groundhog that often waddles through our yard. But he eats her plants, which she also loves.

I remind her that she loved the view from our former high-rise home, but hated waiting for the elevator.

As it was said in the beginning, life isn't simple.



We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

George Bernard Shaw

## from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

March 24, 1889 - The Exxon Valdez struck a reef in Prince William, Alaska, spilling ten million gallons of crude oil, which spread over an area of 26,000 square miles.

March 25, 1965 - Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, AL to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

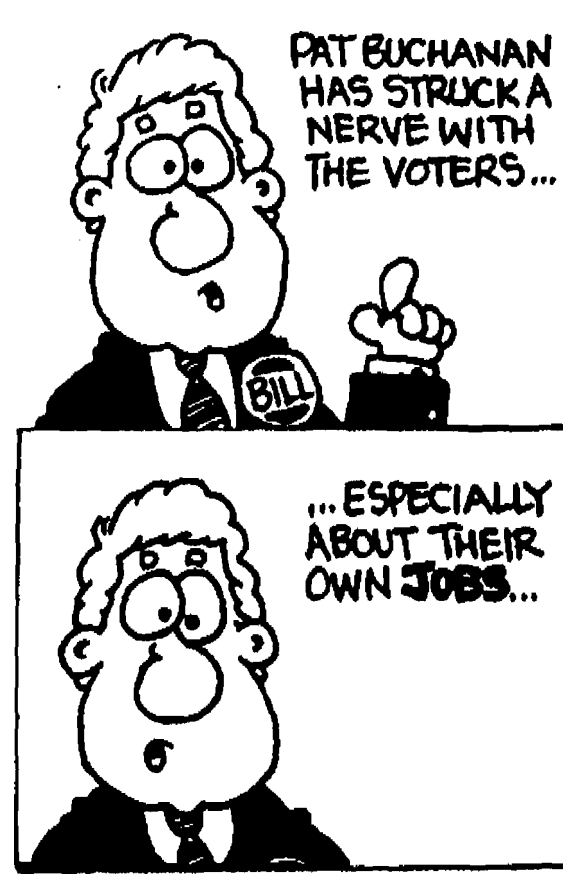
March 26, 1982 - Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington D.C. for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, two 200-foot black granite walls bearing the names of Americans killed or missing in the war.

March 27, 1512 - Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

March 28, 1797 - Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine.

March 29, 1867 - The British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the dominion of Canada, effective July 1.

March 30, 1867 - U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million. The deal was roundly ridiculed in the United States as "Seward's Folly."



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Government works for betterment of mankind

To the editor,  
The seniors of Crawford County would like to express our gratitude to the county commissioners for listening to our concerns about the C.O.A. board.

We feel they listened, and without prejudice, acted in a just and fair decision.

It has demonstrated to us that government can work for the

betterment of mankind.

We are very proud that we have government officials like you to protect the rights of the citizens.

Thank you again, you have restored our faith in the government process.

Elouise Mize,  
Grayling.

### Thank God for police officers

To the editor,

In response to Ms. Sells' previous letter, there are far fewer police officers and deputies working in Crawford County than you seem to think there are. Officers in northern Michigan handle as many or more complaints as their counterparts downstate, per officer. And as we saw on Sept. 14, 1995, when two officers were shot in the line of duty, just as dangerous.

Officers handle calls from barking dogs to shootings, as well as traffic.

Contrary to popular belief by people like yourself that are unknowledgeable about the increasing crime problem in Crawford County, officers do manage to keep busy.

You should also be aware that when you see an officer in a parking lot, some people assume he's goofing off or not busy, when nine times out of 10, he's trying to catch up on reports. It only you knew the paperwork that

accompanies even a minor complaint.

How about some support for local law enforcement who put their lives on the line daily, not just Sept. 14, 1995.

Officers in Crawford County handle B&Es, fires, ambulance runs, accidents, property damage, complaints, larcenies, and assists with other departments because they don't have enough officers either, as well as other calls too numerous to mention.

I for one, know that the City of Grayling works very hard to put a quality police force on the road. I know this because I can't remember the last time my husband and I sat down and had dinner together without him getting a call. I thank God for the county, city and state police officers that work in Crawford County. I could never thank them enough.

Michele Butzin,  
Grayling

## HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Health Letter Spring 1992 issue.

Begin setting the table for breakfast the night before so children begin to anticipate it.

Try non-traditional breakfast ideas such as hot oatmeal with a topping buffet (honey, raisins, nuts, canned or dried fruit selections) children can choose themselves.

Other breakfast suggestions that are quick and nutritious, involve little preparation and can be eaten on the run include:

A small container of fruit yogurt and toast from whole-grain bread.

A banana or apple with peanut butter and a small fruit cup or applesauce.

String cheese and fresh fruit which even can be eaten on the trip to school.

Something left over from dinner the night before if it has protein, since protein will help give them staying power until lunch time.

Make sure children are up on time to have a few minutes for breakfast, which may mean going to bed earlier the night before.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will

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Letters are limited to 500 words.

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## Entrepreneur hopes for welcome center

By Terry Wright  
News Editor

Ron Baker of Grayling, is miffed at recent actions by Lansing officials in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

For more than a year Baker has been working to cut through beaurocratic red-tape that would enable him to purchase a parcel of land at the Four Mile Road intersection with I-75. He wants to build a tourist information and welcome center on the property.

When he first proposed the project to MDNR officials he was told to submit a site plan and apply for a land exchange. Later, he was told the property could not be released for sale until the county had an official master plan.

With the blessings of Crawford County, Beaver Creek Township, and the MDNR field director for Michigan's Lower Peninsula, Baker again approached the MDNR Real Estate Division in Lansing and came away with the impression the land would be released for sale.

Baker said he didn't think purchasing state land would be so difficult, especially after a recent report on public land management was released by Senator George McManus. McManus held hearings throughout the state and made recommendations to the MDNR on its public land policies, including the sale of public lands to the private sector.

Only recently, after contacts with architects and builders, and after he



had begun the hiring process of 26 employees, did Baker discover the land is to be put on the public auction block.

Jim McMillan of the Grayling MDNR Field Office said there will be specific restrictions on what kinds of things could be done with the property. He said the MDNR wants to give everyone an equal opportunity to purchase the property as long as the proposed use falls within those restrictions. He also said Baker could have the best opportunity, based on his plan, to purchase the property.

Walter Linn of the MDNR Real Estate Division in Lansing said the auction would happen in the near future, but didn't know if a specific date has been set.

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Director Jerry Meyer, who has worked closely with Baker on obtaining the property said, "Through all of this we were led to believe they [the MDNR] were concerned about compatible uses. We think Ron's proposal is very compatible. If something comes along like a gas

station I'm going to be very upset. There is a full service gas station right across the road and it's a very good one. I think a welcome center would be more compatible."

"Local officials liked my proposal," Baker said. "It's environmentally clean, it will create jobs and it will promote business here and throughout northern Michigan. Those considerations are apparently only secondary to the DNR."

If Baker can't locate on the property, he will look for a suitable site elsewhere.

Baker's Northern Michigan Welcome Center has been designed as an information, referral and reservation source for travelers on I-75. It would also feature a self-serve refreshment center and art shop.

Baker said the facility would cover an area of approximately 10 acres and cost nearly \$500,000.

## Legislation could result in elimination of road commissioners

"The Hoffman bills represent the latest attempt to resolve a financial problem with a political solution."

"In addition to eliminating road commissioners, Senator Hoffman has a bill to repeal the road funding law. A county like ours will most assuredly end up on the short end of the stick, should the Hoffman bills pass. Local units of government having a hard time with present road funding responsibilities will like the Hoffman consequence far less."

James Briney -- Managing Director of The Road Commission For Crawford County

By Molly Gudritz  
Capital News Service

A new bill could mean severe changes for the Crawford County Road Commission.

A bill sponsored by Sen. Philip Hoffman, R-Horton, will give individual counties the option to eliminate road commissions, giving the responsibility of snow removal and maintenance of county roads to county boards of commissioners.

James Briney, Crawford County Road Commission managing director, believes the passage of this bill would be a serious mistake.

"This could create serious instability and bring along some serious consequences," Briney said. "This would just put a huge burden on local units of government."

Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City, agreed.

"The road commissions take a lot of burden off the board of commissioners," McManus said. "They are a significant set of people, doing a significant job and not costing us a lot of money."

Hoffman said county boards of commissioners are as qualified to handle county road responsibilities as the road commissions, which he claimed were based on the "old-boy network."

"The county road commissions are, by-and-large, bureaucrats, and bureaucrats don't result in filled potholes," he said.

"Less government is better government," said Bruce Bretzke, Crawford County Board of Commissioners chairman. "I believe

in eliminating any bureau of government that can be eliminated."

Michigan is the only state with county road commissioners. Each of the state's counties, except Wayne County, has three road commissioners. Bretzke, Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, and McManus do not believe the elimination of road commissions will happen any time soon.

"It won't happen unless there's some sort of revenue that will come out of this," Bretzke said.

"I don't see anything happening very fast," McManus said. "It's an election year in the House, and I don't think that they are going to take on something like this."

"I don't think this will happen—plain and simple," Lowe said. "This is one of the effects of Engler's gas-tax proposal."

Last September, county road and municipal groups halted negotiations with Engler when their proposal for a 9.5-cent gasoline tax increase—phased in over three years—was denied, a

major loss of funding for commissions. Funding negotiations have been at a standstill since then.

Hoffman's bill would allow voters to approve increases in the gasoline tax on a county-by-county basis.

"I think there may be a county or two in the state that might be interested in doing that, and if that's the case, they should have that opportunity," Hoffman said.

McManus believes this proposal will not hold any benefit for northern Michigan.

"I support a state-wide gas-tax increase, but a county-by-county increase just isn't equitable for northern Michigan," McManus said. "There just aren't enough people in most counties in northern Michigan to make it worth our while."

### Community BINGO Calendar

**Tuesday - 6:30 pm**  
Grayling Youth  
Booster Club  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

**Wednesday - 11 am**  
Grayling Eagles  
Auxiliary #3465  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
Knights of  
Columbus  
K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
Grayling

**Thursday - 7 pm**  
American  
Legion Hall  
Post 106 - Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
Grayling Eagles  
Aerie #3465  
Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
Grayling

**Saturday - 6:30 pm**  
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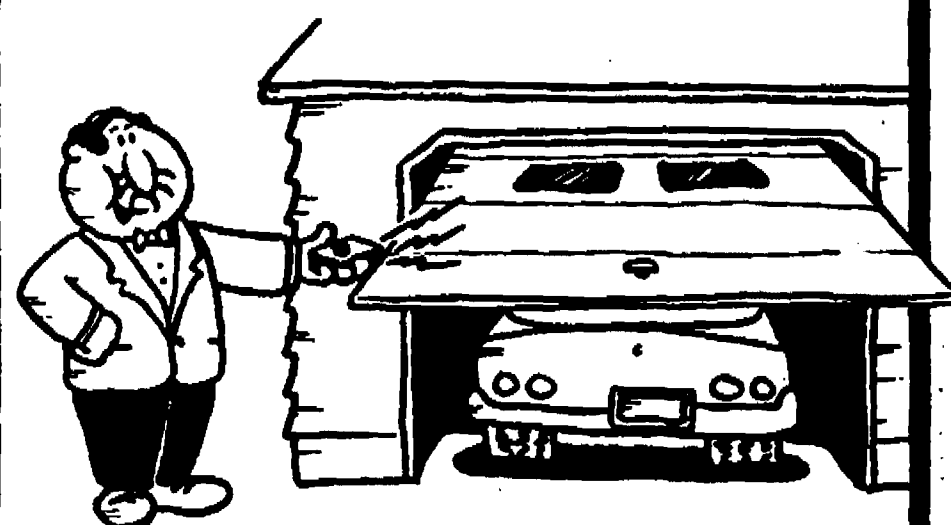
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### Correction

A photo in last week's issue of the Avalanche incorrectly identified Laurie Krey as being Laurie Schorr, which is her maiden name. She was pictured as part of the winning team in the 1996 Picnic Olympics.

The Avalanche regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused Mrs. Krey.

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### MARCH 1996

April Fool's Day  
April 1st

THURS. 28	• TRAVEL & ADVENTURE, "Down The Amazon" @ HS auditorium, 7:30 pm. • MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENS, 11 am - 12 noon @ COA. • TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Linda @ 275-9918 for more information. • "SOUL SURVIVORS" meeting, a confidential support group to help with the journey of healing after a suicide, 6:30 pm @ Gallery Room, Mercy Hospital. Call 348-2236 for more information.
FRI. 29	• COA "OTL" GANG travel to Kalkaska, 10:45 am. • SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SPRING VACATION thru April 8.
SAT. 30	• CRAFT SHOW sponsored by Grayling American Legion Auxiliary @ American Legion, 10 am - 4 pm. Call Wilma @ 348-1369 for information.
SUN. 31	• ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. • PALM SUNDAY.

### APRIL 1996

MON. 1	• APRIL FOOL'S DAY. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm. Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel.
TUES. 2	• GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • AUSABLE RIVER Canoe Joint Marathon meeting @ Mio AuSable Restaurant, 7 pm. • NORTH CENTRAL AREA CHAPTER #19, State Employee Retirees Association, regular meeting, 2 pm, Houghton Lake Community Building. All retired state employees and spouses are encouraged to attend.
WED. 3	• ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## KCC holds satellite conference for caregivers

### Beltway Values?

"Clinton's 'church' sponsors sodomy-fest, Bible mocked," are the words forming a front-page headline of the Jan. 31, 1996 issue of *The Unreported News*, Box 22036, Lansing, MI 48909. The Clintons are reported as regular worshippers at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., where a recent day-long homosexual symposium was celebrated. One headline of another story on page 9 of the same paper reads, "Foundry a Mecca for the Religious Left." The author said, "The church has been a magnet for the Who's Who of the Religious Left and preaches the gospel of baby-killing, sodomy and socialism."

Reporter Mark Tooley gave details of how the orthodox doctrines of Christianity were publicly ridiculed and blasphemed during the homosexual symposium at Foundry. The keynote speaker was Episcopal Bishop John Spong. Tooley said Spong denied the virgin birth and diety of

Jesus Christ and slandered Him as a "drag queen." Spong called the Bible a "weapon to inflict prejudice." He called the Ten Commandments "Immoral." He slandered the apostle Paul as "a self-hating, gay man." Tooley reported that, "During the service, male couples held each other and kissed in the pews." And United Methodist minister Harry Kieley said, "Jesus is speaking as a gay man to the church today." (Sic!)

How can one remain openly tolerant of these blasphemous attacks on the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ, yet claim public respect for or rapport with those who worship Jesus Christ as God? Need one wonder why those who defend and promote orthodox values, as practiced for centuries in all Judeo-Christian cultures, are today being publicly slandered as right-wing radicals? Jesus Christ said, "He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matthew 12:30)

Political liberals and conservatives differ on economics. Why do some

economic conservatives claim liberal moral and social positions? Some light on this question may be revealed by the public impact of such liberal churches as Foundry. "President and Mrs. Clinton are reported as current members; Senator Bob Dole and his wife are former members who left following national media reports about the church."

Can compromising campaigners have courage to control the chasm of conflicting cultural changes corrupting our country? Only God can bring spiritual revival to America, cause persons to worship in strong Bible-believing churches, restore family values, bring Christian civility back to our culture, and restore His blessing upon America.

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

On Tuesday, April 16, the Michigan Partnership For Community Caring will sponsor a satellite television conference: *Special Issues In Dementia Care: medications, mobility and physical safety*, in the Continuing Education Center at Kirtland Community College, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The conference is aimed at professional and family caregivers of people with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias. Participants will learn about health-care techniques in three areas: (1) alternatives to medications as interventions for behavior; (2) mobility and physical-safety issues for older person with dementing illnesses; and (3) effective use of medications in older people with dementia. Training credits have been requested.

The registration fee for the conference is \$12. The satellite seminar will provide a telephone hook-up to allow participants to ask questions of the conference faculty members: Laura Struble, Ph.D., a geriatric nurse specialist whose research focus is neuroscience, disruptive behavior and dementia. She is on the staff of the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the University of Michigan; Shelly Weaverdyck, Ph.D., who specializes in geriatric cognition and dementia. She is the principal research advisor at the Alzheimer's Education and Demonstration Program at Eastern Michigan University; and Gail Bosch, PRH, is a clinical pharmacist at Munson Medical Center and is affiliated with the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

The conference will originate in the East Lansing studios of Michigan State University Extension, and be received at 26 different sites in the state. The program is presented in collaboration with the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and part of the Michigan Department of Community Health Caregiver Education Program.

Space for the conference is limited. Persons wishing to register should send their name, organization, address, phone, and a check or money order for \$12 made out to Kirtland Community College, to: Sandy Figley, President's Office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48863, no later than Saturday, April 9.

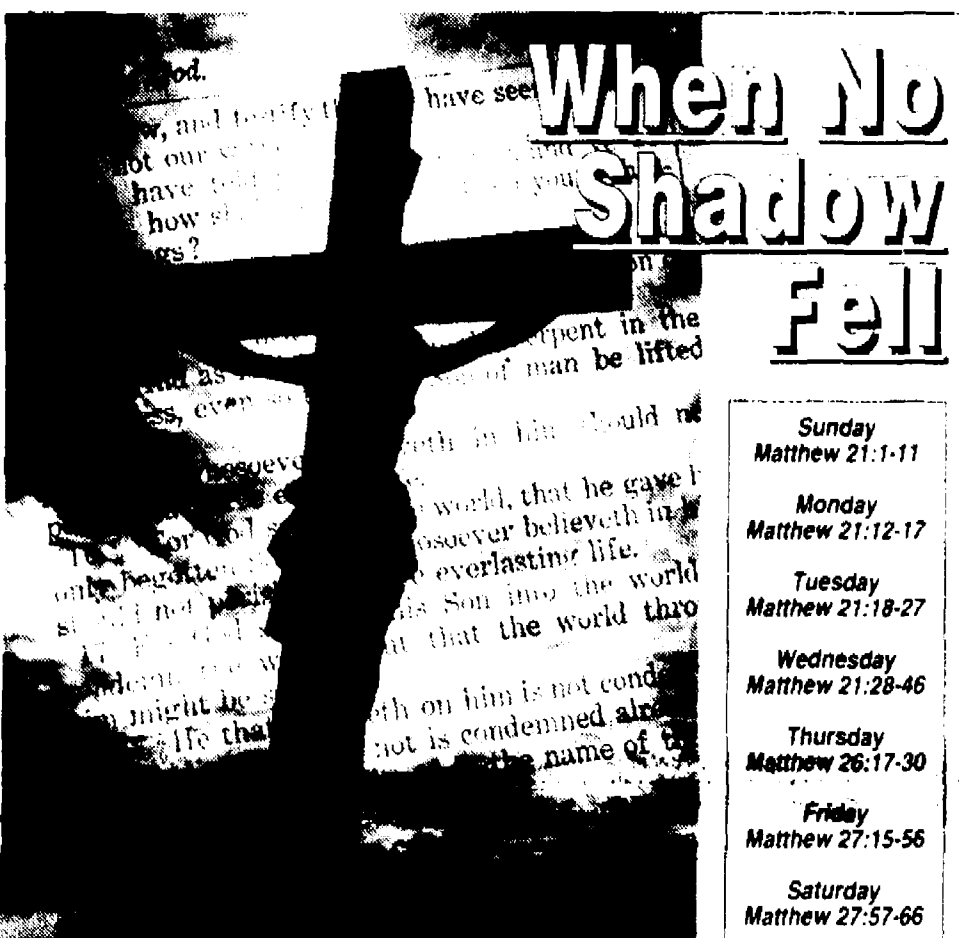
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**When No Shadow Fell**

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Matthew 21:1-11

Monday  
Matthew 21:12-17

Tuesday  
Matthew 21:18-27

Wednesday  
Matthew 21:28-46

Thursday  
Matthew 26:17-30

Friday  
Matthew 27:15-56

Saturday  
Matthew 27:57-66

Scripture records that on the first Good Friday, from the sixth to the ninth hour, there was darkness over the earth. By Hebrew count that would be from Noon until three o'clock. These hours on Good Friday are still widely observed as a time of solemn devotion.

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Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Christian Science Society**  
209 First St., Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**  
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).  
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

**Grayling Assembly of God**  
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885/Parsonage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth Children ..... 7 p.m.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm St., Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of I-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)**  
Pastor Robert Cochran  
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224  
Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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**Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Pastor Lacey Straphan, Jr.  
Cemetery North Down River Rd. and South Milliken Rd.  
Church School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**  
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Lee Ann Donckley, Pastoral Associate  
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Wednesday & Friday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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Rev. Lawrence Cook  
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Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night ..... 7 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor  
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Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
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Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) ..... 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
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348-8573  
Sunday Classes & Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Mid week Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

**Bear Lake Christian**  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday School ..... 9 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... 10 a.m.

**The Church of Christ with the Elys Message**  
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# Subdivision slated for Old-27 north of city

By Terry Wright  
News Editor

A 40-to-45 lot subdivision of single family dwellings is being proposed for property adjacent to Old-27, just north of the Lewiston Grade.

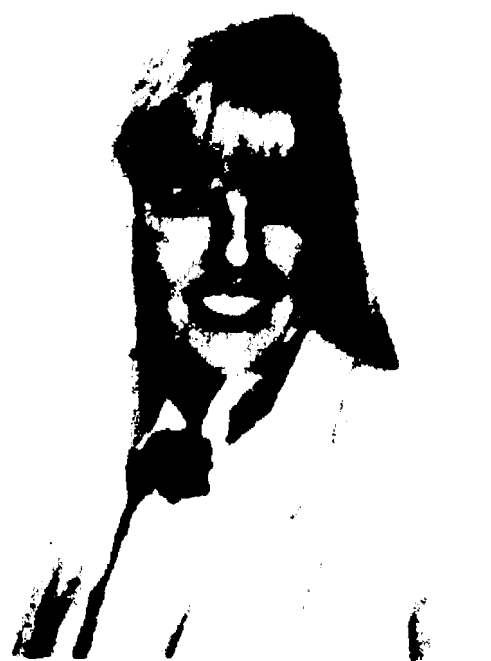
A petition has been filed with the Grayling Township Planning Commission by Ron Chappel of Gaylord, to develop approximately 40-acres. Chappel is asking the planning commission to rezone a portion of the property from recreational forest and commercial to single family residential. The petition states that each lot will exceed 15,000 square feet in size. None will border the highway.

A 350-foot wide strip of the property along the highway is scheduled to remain commercial.

Ed Ventline of Statewide Realty is representing Chapel locally in the development.

"This location is excellent for the development of a subdivision," Ventline said. "It will be on the style of some of the nicer subdivisions in the area."

# Scheer receives advanced realtors certification



Charlene Scheer, broker/owner of RE/MAX of Grayling, has been awarded the Certified Residential

He said plans for the commercial area include small businesses which would be of benefit to the subdivision's residents.

"We've been approached by a doctor about putting an office there," he said. "We'd like to see a convenience store locate there also."

Ventline said the contractors are ready to begin working in the area as soon as the weather breaks and as soon as the proposal receives township and county approval. Local builders will also be building homes for resale, Ventline said.

In a preliminary review, the township planning commission found the proposal to be "consistent with the pattern of future growth and compatible with adjacent zones."

Before the proposal can be approved and passed on to the county planning commission, a special meeting has been scheduled to discuss it further.

That meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall.

Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Less than 5 percent of all realtors hold this designation.

Scheer purchased the RE/MAX of Grayling franchise in 1994, with Craig Hinkle. She resides in Grayling with her husband, Bradley Scheer, owner of Scheer Motors, Inc., and their daughter, Veronica Scheer.

Those receiving the CRS Designation must complete the required courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and must demonstrate specific expertise in applied residential real estate marketing.

# Campbell retires after 32+ years



LeRoy Campbell of Alpena, retired on Jan. 12, from Tele Communications Incorporated (T.C.I.). Campbell had worked for several companies during his 32 years, and each one was bought up by T.C.I. At the time of his retirement, he was the general manager of the Alpena Cable System.

Campbell is the son of Vivan and Ruth Campbell of Grayling, and he and his wife, Coralee, live in Alpena where they have a summer home on Grand Lake. Coralee plans to retire in

July, and the both hope to spend more time on their boat, both at Grand Lake and at their place in Florida.

They are the proud parents of five children and 11 grandchildren, and plan to spend more time with them also. TCI held a retirement party for Campbell at the Grayling Holiday Inn on March 15, which was attended by about 70 of his family, friends and fellow employees.

# DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Robert Leal, 28, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Fail To Return Rented Property Under \$100, and was sentenced to 14 days in jail, plus placed on one year probation. He was cited Sept. 1, 1994.

Ronald Albert Wood, 53, of Madison Hgts., plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, plus placed on six months probation. He was cited Feb. 3, 1996, by the sheriff dept.

Paul Kenneth Wells, 51, of Troy, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited Nov. 7, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Gary Duane Cassidy, 36, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of OUIL 2nd Offense, and was fined \$740 or 60 days, sentenced to two days in jail, placed on 12 months probation, plus his license was revoked one year. He was cited April 22, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Brian Houley Hundley, 35, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Jan. 20, 1996, by the sheriff dept.

Colin Peter Coutrell, 36, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Jan. 13, 1996, by the sheriff dept.

Terri Lynn Johnson, 35, of St. Ignace, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$640 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 12 months. He was cited Nov. 19, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

John R. Ockerman, 36, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Dec. 14, 1995, by the state police.

Craig James Kellog, 33, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Impaired Driving, and was fined \$540 or 60 days, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended 90 days. He was cited Dec. 10, 1995, by the sheriff dept.

Gary Duane Cassidy, 36, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Unlawful Use Marijuana, and was fined \$240 or 30 days, ordered to pay \$150 lab fees, placed on six months probation, plus his license was suspended six months. He was cited Aug. 26, 1995.

Michael D. Stewart, 24, demanded a preliminary exam on two charges of Home Invasion 2nd Degree. A \$20,000 personal bond was set on each charge (\$40,000 total).

Roy Anthony Cavanaugh, 31, of

Canton, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Unlawful Driving Away Automobile. A \$10,000 personal bond was set.

Adam Matthew Abele, 22, of Canton, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Unlawful Driving Away Automobile. A \$10,000 personal bond was set.

John Wm. Yaroch, Jr., 24, of Garden City, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Unlawful Driving Away Automobile. A \$10,000 personal bond was set.

Nancy Lee Schocke (Schutt), 38, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of OUIL 3rd. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

Michael D. Stewart, 25, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on two charges of Home Invasion 2nd Degree. A \$40,000 personal bond was set.

John Leslie Hill, 17, of Grayling, was bound over to circuit court on Count I: Larceny From A Person, and Count II: Larceny In A Building. A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert E. Holtslander, 37, of Linden, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Possession Of Less Than 25 Grams Of Cocaine. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

Appearing before Judge Eugene I. Turkelson by assignment:

William Cox, 62, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Truancy, and was placed on 18 months probation, with the last 90 days in jail.

Patricia Rose Cox, 37, of Frederic, plead guilty to the charge of Truancy, and was placed on 18 months probation, with the last 90 days in jail.

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MTH 336	College Algebra	Tuesday
PHL 302	Ethics	Tuesday
COM 122	College Writing II	Wednesday King
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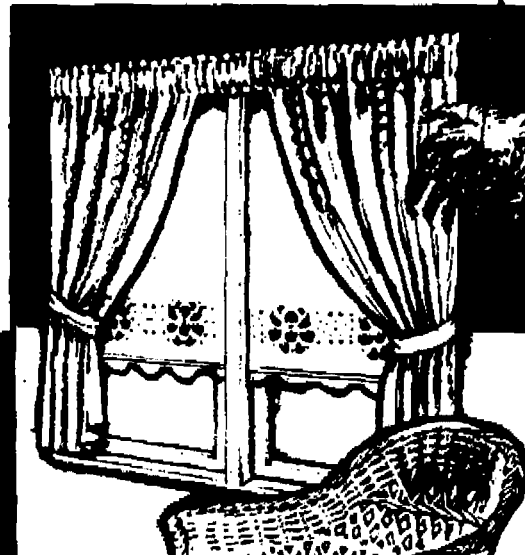
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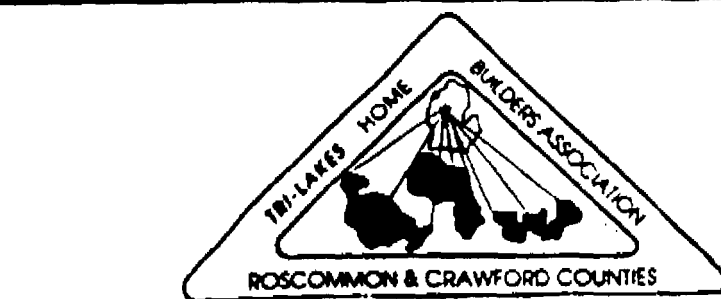
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## School board election reform package passes senate

Legislation designed to reform the manner in which school board elections are held in Michigan, passed the Senate recently, announced the primary sponsors, including state Senators George McManus (R-Traverse City).

Two Senate Bills each received a majority vote on the senate floor. This 3-bill package of legislation will amend the Michigan election law and the Michigan School Code to provide for a more common-sense approach to school board elections.

If this legislation becomes law, school board elections for terms of office lasting four years, will be held coinciding with the general elections in November. Currently, most school board elections are scheduled in June of each year.

One element of the package addresses special school elections or ballot questions, which could only be held on one of the following dates: the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the months of April, August or November.

Another bill in the package modifies the Michigan School Code, which just last session saw major reform efforts by the Senate, to assign the responsibility for the administration

of school elections to the board of canvassers in each city and township.

"By setting a schedule for school board elections which coincides with other major elections, voter involvement, interest and participation in school board elections will increase significantly," McManus said. "This makes it more convenient for the voting public to plan for these elections and to educate themselves on the candidates and issues presented on the ballot."

The bills will not be sent to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

## HOMETOWN NEWS

Kerry and Kelli Harwood II of Gaylord, wish to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Shane, born Feb. 22, 1996, in Petoskey. Tyler weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Kerry and Jeanie Harwood of Grayling, and Ben and Gayle Apps of Higgins Lake.

## MILITARY NEWS

Marine Pfc. Brian C. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry H. Robinson of Grayling, recently completed the Basic Engineer Equipment Operator Course.

During the course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, students received instruction on engineer equipment operation, maintenance management, engineer organization, decontamination of heavy equipment, night operations, equipment recovery, special tools and camouflage.

The 1995 graduate of Grayling High school joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

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## Michigan's Junior Miss



MISS HEATHER BENZ OF HOUGHTON LAKE--Named Michigan's Junior Miss on March 2, Heather Benz is pictured visiting the Grayling Kiwanis Club recently. Miss Benz won the title in competition with 16 other young Michigan ladies. She was awarded with \$3,500 in scholarships and will compete for America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Alabama in June.

## Attention GHS Class of 1991

The Grayling High School Class of 1991, are planning their 5-year reunion, and need addresses for the following people: Erin Bindshatell, Karl Eldridge, Erika Farnsworth, Charles Haller, Hope Hanger, Jennifer Kittelson-Northrup, Scott Little,

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Former Commission chairman Dennis Long was awarded with a plaque of recognition for his years of leadership at a recent commission meeting.

Pictured presenting the plaque to Long (L), are (Back Row) Commissioners Robert Smock Jr., Kathleen Black, Robert McLachlan Sr., and John Hartman. The presentation is being made by the new chair Bruce Bretzke.

Long stepped down from his chairman position in January and is now serving the commission as its vice-chairman.

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## Farm Folk meeting to plan park opening

On Tuesday evening, April 2, members and friends of the Wellington Farm Folk will meet to put the finishing touches on their plans for the opening of Wellington Farm Park in May. The meeting will be held at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling, and will begin with a typical "Depression Era farm supper" at 6:15 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$6, and everyone is welcome to attend. Make your reservations by calling 800-624-0221.

The main item on the agenda for the meeting will be the opening of Wellington Farm Park to the public on May 25. Wellington Farm Folk is a volunteer organization which assists with the planning and operation of the park. There are a great many tasks which need to be completed prior to

the opening date. In addition, systems of operation need to be established, and high on the list of most volunteers is "How do I participate as a park interpreter?"

With the opening of the park just a few weeks away, there is a need to generate funds so that the park is on solid financial footings when it opens. To this end, Wellington Farm Folk is offering a limited number of life memberships. These memberships will be available until June 15. The cost of a life membership is \$100. Annual memberships and family memberships are also available. Those interested in purchasing a park membership should call 800-624-0221.

To assist them with their park activities, the Wellington Farm Folk

have appropriated a hand-made quilt from an Amish community in southern Ohio. Farm Folk will be selling tickets to this beautiful quilt, and it will be given away during the Farmin' Days Festival in June.

Members and guests planning to attend the meeting on April 2, are asked to come dressed in the style of the 1930s. When it opens in May, Wellington Farm Park will be a working agricultural museum, set in 1932. In addition to the agricultural museum, Wellington Farm Park is also an environmental education center, depicting the importance of the preservation of our land, our water and our forests. More information about Wellington Farm Park can be obtained by calling 800-624-0221.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Recall it as often as you wish; a happy memory never wears out!

Some up-coming things for the weeks ahead: Card parties on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinocle, etc. (They have two bridge tables and are hoping for a third or fourth table!); Fridays—Coffee Klatsch at 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend. Sit and chat with your friends and neighbors and get a chance to find out what the folks think about anything that is on their mind. It's fun and informative, too!

Sweatshirt contest at 5:30 p.m. on the 27th; BPs taken on the 28th, and the "OTL" (Out to lunch gang) goes to Kalkaska on the 29th. There is still room on the bus, so sign up or call in your reservation; the bus leaves at 10:45 and the cost is \$5, which includes

staying for an hour of Bingo with them. You are responsible for your lunch donation.

A special note on our Easter dinner: Tuesday, April 2, at 5 p.m. There will be no lunch served that day. There will be dancing afterwards with Tina Kennedy. We are serving cherry-glazed ham, au gratin potatoes, Easter veggies, salad, rolls and your choice of pie! Suggested donation for seniors remains at \$1.50, and cost for juniors is \$3. Call for reservations at 348-7123.

Take special note—the Senior Center will be closed on Good Friday. The staff would like to wish everyone a joyous Easter.

Tax-Aide, free tax assistance for seniors and their home heating, drug prescription, etc. Tax forms to be filled out. Dates: March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call for an appointment, 348-7123.

Commodities will be given out on Wednesday, April 10, from 12:30 to 2

p.m. at Breaker's Steak House, formerly Weatherlys. Use the side entrance. If you cannot pick up during the time allotted, let us know at the center (348-7123) so that we may bring your box back over for you to pick up.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and it is really the best deal in town! \$1.50 donation for seniors, and the charge for those under 60 is \$3. We can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try and call ahead, 348-7123. Meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and 12 noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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March 29—BBQ Beef/No Dinner;  
April 1—Brown Steak/Roast Pork;  
April 2—No Lunch/Easter Dinner at 5 p.m.;  
April 3—Baked Chicken/BBQ Beef;  
April 4—Meatloaf/Pork Steak;  
April 5—Good Friday, Center Closed.

## RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

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## OBITUARIES

### Orlo Galvani

Orlo Galvani, 66, of Grayling, died Monday, March 25, 1996, at his residence. A memorial mass will be held Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Galvani was born March 19, 1930, in Grayling and had lived here his entire life. On Nov. 3, 1956, he was married to Alice P. Latimer, at St. Mary's Church in Grayling, where he was a member.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and worked as a machine operator at Grayling Reel.

Mr. Galvani was preceded in death by his parents, Domenico and Mary (Shreve) Galvani, and by brothers, Orlo Joseph Galvani and Gerald Lawrence Galvani.

Survivors include: wife, Alice Galvani of Grayling; son, Christopher and wife Julie Galvani of Roscommon; grandchildren, Joshua, Justin, Bryan and Sabrina Galvani; brothers, Walter and wife Donna Galvani, Domenico and wife Eunice Galvani, and Gerald and wife Virginia Galvani, all of Grayling, Francis and wife Helen Galvani of Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Tom and wife Frances Galvani of Whitefield, Maine; sisters, Lucy and husband Larry Wilbur, and Dolores Stephan, both of Flint; Irene Galvani of Grayling, and Theresa Galvani of Pearl, Mississippi.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan, at P.O. Box 532, Roscommon, MI 48653.

### Mildred Crosby

Mildred G. Crosby, 89, of Grayling, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at Hilltop Manor in Roscommon. Funeral services were held Friday, March 22, at the Clark Funeral Home in Fairgrove, with Pastor Mulder officiating. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Fairgrove.

Mrs. Crosby was born Aug. 24, 1906. On Feb. 27, 1926, she was married to Gordon Crosby, in Fairgrove. She was a member of Michelson Memorial Methodist Church in Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Crosby, on Aug. 9, 1976; daughter, Maxine Richardson; and son, Eddie Crosby.

Survivors include: daughters, Jessie and husband Daniel Nowland of Millington, Ruth and husband Bernard Morey of Midland; and Mary Ellen and husband Jack Meuva of Grayling; son, Frank Crosby of Sanford; 33 grandchildren; many, many great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hilltop Manor Activity Center, Roscommon, or a memorial of your choice.

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### Gerald Melichar

Gerald V. Melichar, 71, of Lake City, died Thursday, March 14, 1996, in Ruskin, Florida. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, at Peters and Murray Funeral Home in Grand Ledge. Burial was in Delta Center Cemetery, Eaton County.

Mr. Melichar was born March 22, 1924, in Traverse City, and graduated from Grayling High School in 1943. He was a veteran of WWII, serving with the 111th Naval Construction Battalion, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He retired from the Oldsmobile Experimental Engineering Department in 1978, after 30 years of service.

Mr. Melichar was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Edna (Hunt) Melichar, and by a sister, Maxine Streff.

Survivors include: wife, M. Marjorie Melichar; daughters, Vicki and husband Thomas Morrissey of Lansing, Kaye Melichar of Grand Ledge, Janis and husband Patrick Green of Mason, and Sandra and husband Robert Brush of Grand Ledge; son, James and wife Tina Melichar of Lansing; 12 grandchildren; sisters, Anita Beall and Barbara and husband Ronald Clinton, both of Traverse City.

### Eleanor Hunter

Eleanor I. Gorman Hunter, 84, of Grayling, died on St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 1996, in Oak Hill Hospital in Spring Hill, Florida, following a stroke. A funeral mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Hunter was a lifetime resident of Crawford County. She was a member of St. Therese's Church in Spring Hill, Florida, and a life-long member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, where she was a member of St. Mary's Altar Society, a choir member, and the first Catechism teacher.

Mrs. Hunter was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. Eleanor I. Gorman married Lawrence "Bud" Hunter on June 15, 1935, at St. Mary's in Grayling.

Survivors include: husband, Bud Hunter; daughters, Jacqueline S. Lepsy of Grayling, Patricia L. Hunter of Spring Hill, Florida, and Mary Kay Hunter and husband Jed Blaauw of Grayling; sons, Larry D. and wife Gail Hunter, and John G. and wife Barbara Hunter, both of Grayling; 20 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

### Ingeborg Leslie

Ingeborg A. Leslie, 97, of Grayling, died Saturday, March 23, 1996, at the Meadows of Grayling. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 26, at 1 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, with Pastor Bob Cochran officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mrs. Leslie was born June 26, 1898, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and had been a resident of Grayling for 91 years. She was a bartender and waitress at the American Legion and at Spikes, and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Leslie was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Leslie, in 1975; her parents, Theodore and Marie (Peterson) Kristofferson; and by a son, Don Leslie.

Survivors include: son, Carl and wife Ruth Leslie of Lake Panasoffkee, Florida; grandchildren, Gary Leslie of Grayling, and Don Leslie and Linda Marshall, both of Mio; six great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. John Lutheran Church.

### Pearl Sedelmaier

Pearl "Earl" Sedelmaier, 87, of Grayling, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at Mercy Manor, Grayling. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Lyle Studer officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Michigan National Guard, and the American Legion Post 106.

Mr. Sedelmaier was born Sept. 10, 1908, in Grand Ledge, and had been a resident of Grayling for 44 years. He was a retired meat cutter for Kroger Grocery in Lansing, had drove city bus for the city of Kalamazoo, worked in a dairy in Grand Ledge, and had worked in the Ford garage in Grayling.

Mr. Sedelmaier served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella (Green) Sedelmaier; and by his parents, John and Julia L. (Brooks) Sedelmaier.

Survivors include: daughter, Julie Downing of Grayling; sons, John Sedelmaier and Bob Sedelmaier, both of Traverse City; step-sons, Ray Waite and Walter Waite, both of Grayling, and Carl Waite of Auburn, New Hampshire; sister-in-law, Opal Sedelmaier of Fife Lake; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### Leo Hirvela

Leo R. Hirvela, 79, of Grayling, died Tuesday, March 19, 1996, at his daughter's residence in Interlochen. Funeral services were held Friday, March 22, at 1 p.m., at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling, with Reverend Paul Boerger officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Ishpeming. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Military rites were conducted by members of the Michigan National Guard and American Legion Post 106, Grayling.

Mr. Hirvela was born Feb. 27, 1917, in Ishpeming, and had moved to Grayling, from there, 33 years ago. He was a tracked-vehicle mechanic with

the Michigan National Guard, retiring on Feb. 27, 1979. He had also worked at Mather Mine in Ishpeming, and was a 15-year member of the Board of Review for the City of Grayling.

He was a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church; American Legion Post 106, serving as past commander in 1969, and as chaplain for many years; a member of 107th Engineer Association; and a board member of the EM Club and NCO Club at Camp Grayling.

Mr. Hirvela was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Inez (Collins) Hirvela on Nov. 2, 1990; his parents, Eino and Lempi (Makinen) Hirvela, and a brother, Roy Hirvela.

Survivors include: daughter, Mary and husband Roger Hubbell of Interlochen; son, John Hirvela of Grayling; granddaughters, Tracie Hubbell-Wagner of Stockbridge, and Leslie Hubbell of Honor; and sister, Mary DuPont of Monona, Wisconsin.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling.

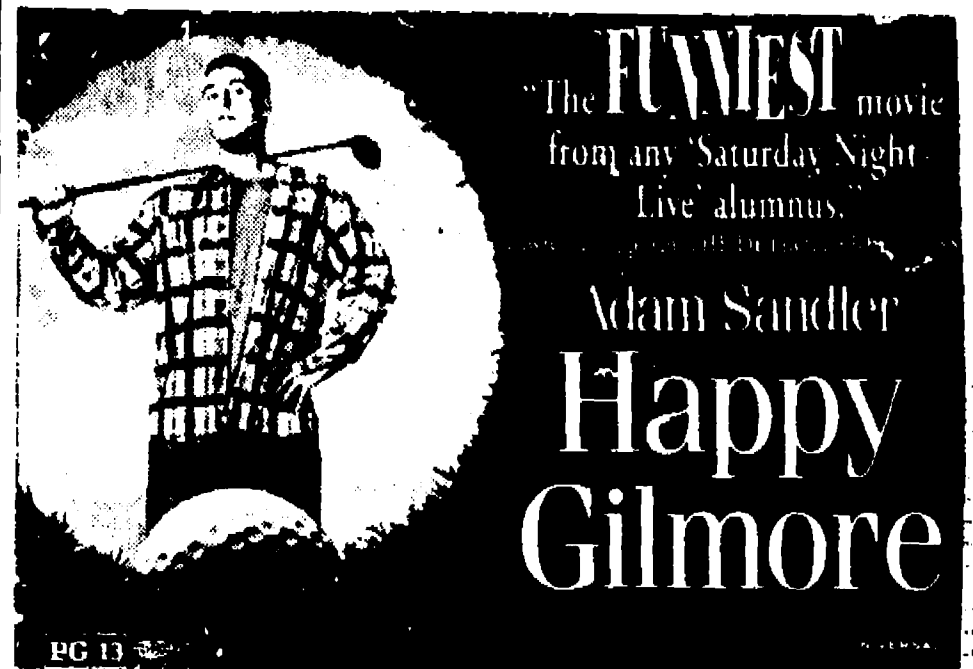
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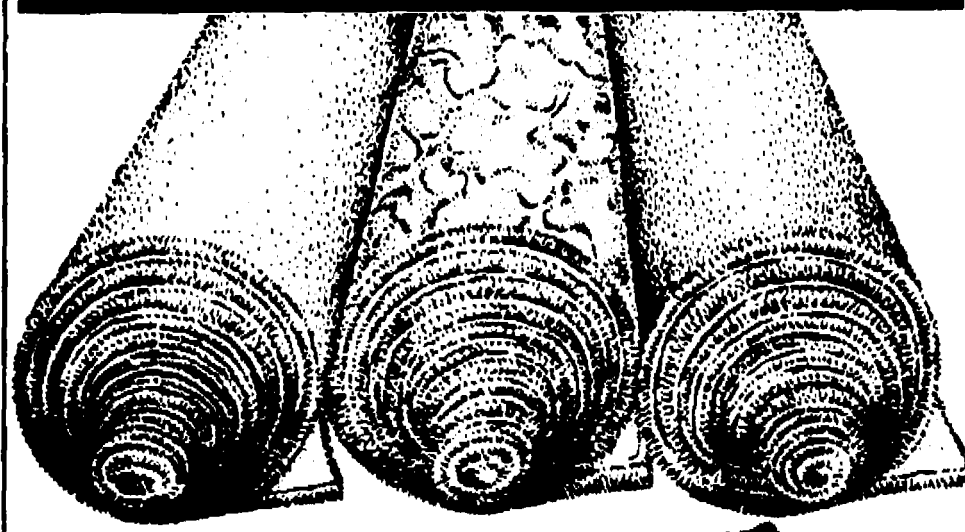
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## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

The Cabin Fever Book Club, Jan. 8 through March, 8, was a success, with over 1,000 free sandwich coupons earned by readers at the Crawford County Libraries.

McDonald's of Grayling, partnered with the Crawford County Libraries to encourage readers to earn one free sandwich coupon from McDonald's for every two visits to their library.

New memorials at the Crawford County Library in memory of Joyce Bourrie: *It Takes A Village* from Frances and Karen Hunsaker, *From Far Away* from Don and Lois Clune, *Littlest Duckling* from Victor and Catherine Ross, *Animals In Disguise*

from Billy and Beverly Kinkenter, *Primary Colors, Cat Who Said Cheese* and *Snow Falling On Cedars* from Max Tobin, *My Brother Ant* from William and Diane Hellman, *Storage Made Easy* and *Enduring Harvest* from Tim and Gail Swope, Carmen and Dean Miller.

Memorials from Cornell Insurance and Real Estate: *Universe Explained* for Mildred Chew, *Watering Systems For Lawn And Garden* and *Do-It-Yourself Guide* for James F. Bassett, *Rogue Warrior: Task Force Blue* for Donald Feldhauser, *Nurses* for Phyllis Thompson, *In The Presence Of The*

*Enemy* for Mildred Blaine, and *Ice Cradle* for James Wakeley.

From Plainwell District Office of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in memory of Dick Rasmussen: *Resumes That Get Jobs*, *Ultimate Classic Car Book*, *Karate For Kids*, *Silent Running*, and *Resume Doctor*.

For Donald Feldhauser: large print editions of *The Judge*, *Shockwave* and *Thunder Point* by Chuck and Butch Feldhauser.

For Ralph Mesack: *The Poet*, *Nathan's Run*, *McNally's Puzzle* and

*The Enemy Within* by Grayling Hospital for Animals.

For Earl Rocco: *Marine Geology and Planets* by Kay Hunter, Barb Miner and Noreen Rasmussen.

For Ancel Casler: *1996 Chilton's Auto Repair*, *Dinotopia* by Paul and Judi Mesack.

For Louise Roe: *Painting Watercolors* by Mary Smock.

Bill and Gloria Kraus donated *Math Curse* for Joyce Bourrie, and *Free Fall Of Webster Cummings* for Harold (Spike) MacNeven.

For Arthur G. Clough, *Places Rated Almanac* by Whitey and Thelma Madsen.

## Men of K of C to hold Tootsie Roll sale

Join the Knights of Columbus in their annual effort to help the more than 300,000 mentally handicapped people in Michigan, who need your help.

On Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Tootsie Rolls at the intersection of the Business Loop and Michigan Avenue, the post office, Kmart and Glen's Market.

## BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

The Grayling High School Class of 1946, are making preparations for their class reunion. They are looking for Emma Jean Dykehouse White. Does anyone in the reading audience know her address, her location or someone that could help the committee find her? Contact Beth Seator, (517) 348-9773.

Through the generosity of William Jamerson of Traverse City, the Crawford County Historical Museum has received six copies of the 90-minute video tape entitled *Winter Wonderland*, to sell, the entire sale price to go to the museum. Jamerson is the author of this tape, which was aired on PBS television twice this winter and features the rise of winter sports in Michigan, and includes footage of pictures from the museum, movies made by Fred Welsh, Sr., and two local residents. Anyone wishing to purchase a video, may contact Marie Akers, treasurer, (517) 348-7558. The price is \$34.95 plus tax.

Seven members of the Grayling Kiwanis Club attended the April Divisional Meeting of Division 21, at Falcon Head Golf Club in Big Rapids on Thursday evening. The Kiwanis Club of Grayling received several awards including Distinguished President, 1994-95, Larry Winslow, and Distinguished Secretary, Bob Bovee. Attending were Al and Val

Johnston, Mary Nama, Toby Shambarger, Larry Winslow, and Bob and Fay Bovee.

The previous week, members of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, their spouses and guests were guests of the Seventh Day Adventist Camp for dinner and a tour of their science museum. Host for the occasion was Rex Townsend, director of the camp, and a member of the club.

We'd like to welcome to our community, newcomer, Rebecca Page and her son, Calvin, and daughter Kendyl. They arrived from Houston, Texas, on Feb. 15, to join her brother, Steve Stevens and family. She's the new friendly face at Stevens Family Circle in downtown Grayling.

We'd like to send 'get well' greetings to Mrs. Russ Stevens in Columbus, Ohio, who is recuperating from back surgery.

George Griffith was the guest of honor for a birthday party celebrating his 95 years. The party was hosted by the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and was held at the Hotel Shoppenagon on Tuesday evening, March 19. A dinner buffet was served to about 40 guests, and they presented George with a new fishing rod and reel, as he is still an active fisherman.

Charlie and Marilyn Fick have returned from a 12-day combined business and pleasure trip to Florida.

While there, they visited the Bear Archery building, where they talked to Frank Scott, who has been with the company for 57 years. Scott now has his own museum room at the company. His family had started out in vaudeville doing trick shooting with a rifle, and that is how he started with his shooting and met up with Fred Bear. The room is filled with his and his family's memorabilia.

Mrs. Henrietta Bear, who will be 95 years old this year, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. For those wishing to send a card, her address is: 1806 SW 35th Place, Gainesville, FL 32608.

Gary and Patricia Church of Harbor Springs, are the proud parents of a new son, Robert Allan Church, who was born on Friday, March 22, 1996, at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Ernestine and Don Palmer of Grayling, Marcia Gehl of Drummond Island, and Duane Boynk of Grand Rapids. Great-grandmothers are Grandma Molner and Grandma Boynk, both of Grand Rapids.

Does anyone have information as to what happened to the old scoreboard from the former high school? It was last seen in the Copper Kettle Restaurant. Call Clara Sorenson at 348-8260.

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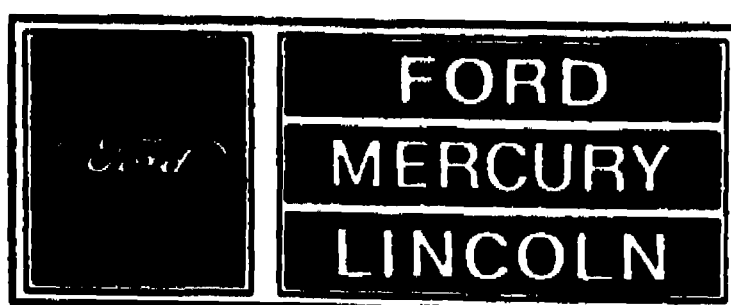


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# SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

A monthly service to our Senior Citizens

## It's never too late to begin a fitness program

Talk about the graying of America.

Beginning in 1996, 4 million people will turn 50 each year. So, aging baby boomers, if you haven't developed the exercise habit yet, now is the time to get started.

Look at it this way: Exercise can help prevent heart disease and some of the other illnesses that come with advancing age. It improves cardiovascular health, lowers cholesterol and can reduce or reverse the bone-mineral loss that occurs with

aging.

And because exercise builds muscular strength, it can help you maintain your independence longer.

If you're 50 or older, the American Council on Exercise (ACE) suggests consulting your doctor before starting an exercise program. Then, begin with a low-intensity, short-duration program, like walking for five or 10 minutes every day.

Your goal, ACE says, should be a comprehensive program that includes a warm-up, aerobic activity, muscle toning and stretching exercises. Gauge the intensity of your program by monitoring both your heart

rate and your perception of the exertion.

In other words, your level should feel comfortable.

If you think you lack the motivation to follow through with your program, joining an exercise class can help. ACE suggests choosing a low-intensity class or one designed specifically for you. A personal trainer can also help you design a program and stay motivated.

For more advice on exercise for adults age 50 and older, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to ACE, Dept. NU, Box 910449, San Diego, CA 92191-0449. For the names of certified personal trainers, call 1-800-529-8227.



## Some senior citizens may not have to file

**Question: My son was helping me with my tax return and he said that I didn't need to file a return for 1995. Doesn't everyone have to file?**

**Answer:** No. Whether or not U.S. citizens or residents have to file a federal tax return depends on several factors including your filing status, your age, your gross income, and whether someone else can claim you as a dependent. There are some special situations when you would have to file a return even if you were under the specified gross income level. If you had income tax withheld from your pay or made estimated tax payments, you would have to file to get a refund.

**Question: I'm 68 and have been widowed for several years. What are the requirements for me?**

**Answer:** Because you are 65 or older, if your filing status is "single" and your gross income is under \$7,350, you probably do not have to file a return for 1995. If you can file as "head of household" and are 65 or older, you probably do not have to file if your gross income amount is less than \$9,200.

**Question: What about married seniors? Are the filing requirements different?**

**Answer:** Yes, if you are married and filing a joint return, the requirements depend on each spouse's age. If both of you are 65 or older, generally you don't have to file if your gross income is under \$13,050. The gross income level is \$12,300 if only one of you is 65 or older. If you are filing separate returns, the gross income amount is \$2,500.



## Potato soup and chili dinner

The Commission on Aging will have another special fund-raiser dinner planned on Saturday, April 27. They will have potato soup and chili on the menu, along with corn bread, crackers, relish tray and brownies, all for the price of \$3 for adults, half price for those 6 to 12, and under 6 are free.

The proceeds will be earmarked for seat cushions for the dining room chairs. They

netted \$90.92 on their pancake supper two months ago, and hope to top that this month.

Anyone wishing to donate some of the staples or make a contribution to the cause, call the senior center at 348-7123, and let them know.

There are some fine cooks lined up to do the honors, and they expect a great turnout. Tell your friends and neighbors: kids and grandkids too.

## "OTL" gang on the road again

The Out to Lunch gang hits the road again in April, with their destination being St. Helen. The bus will leave at 11 a.m. and they are looking forward to everyone coming to lunch with them. There is

always a rip-roaring time on the bus, and it is fun seeing what the people in other areas are doing to keep themselves amused, informed and entertained. Call or drop in to make your reservations, 348-7123.

## Birthday dinner April 10

On April 10, at 5:30 p.m., the Commission on Aging will celebrate all the March birthdays with cake and ice cream and a surprise for each of the honorees. Consider yourself invited and help them celebrate.

## Easter dinner to be held April 2

The Commission on Aging will hold a special Easter dinner for seniors and their families on Tuesday, April 2, at 5 p.m. They will be serving cherry-glazed ham, au gratin potatoes, Easter veggies, salad, rolls and your choice of pie. Suggested donation for seniors remains at

\$1.50, and the cost for "juniors" is \$3. Call for reservations at 348-7123.

Continuing the festivities after dinner, there will be dancing to the music of Tina Kennedy on the organ, and great fun will be had by all.

## Speaker

Sheila Miller from Otsego-Munson Home Health Care, will be the speaker at the Commission on Aging on Tuesday, April 23, at 12:30 p.m. She will be talking about services that they have to offer when you are in need or as an alternative to nursing homes or foster-care homes. It will be a very informative session and feel free to ask questions.

## Yahtzee night

If you love Yahtzee, you are in for a treat on Monday, April 15, when the Commission on Aging will be setting up lots of tables for Yahtzee night. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. and there will be prizes for the winners. Come one, come all and have a ball!

## Commodities

MIC and senior commodities will be distributed from Breaker's Steak House (formerly Weatherly's) April 10, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Those seniors that live in the housing complex will have theirs delivered by volunteers after 2 p.m. on that day.

Also, if any senior won't be about to pick up their commodities during the time allotted at Breaker's, and

would like to pick them up later at the senior center, let them know so that they can bring them over and have them at the center for you.

Sign-up and re-certification may be done on that day at the distribution site. Bring your proof of income and Social Security number.

If you have any questions, call the senior center at 348-7123.

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## APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies	2. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance  NO LUNCH EASTER DINNER AND DANCE 5:00	3. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize 5:30 - "BK" Bingo	4. 9:00 - Class Geography 1:00 - Math Class	5. GOOD FRIDAY CENTER CLOSED ***** *** EASTER *** 7. BRUNCH NEXT WEEK
8. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	9. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance  1:00 - 4:00 Cards! Cards! Cards! 5:30 - Baggo- Cardo	10. "COMMODITIES" 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 3:00 - Sittercize 5:00 - Birthday Dinner	11. BP's 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class Geography 1:00 - Math Class 5:30 - "R & R"	12. 10:00 - Coffee Klatsch "FOOT CLINIC" 11:30 - Frederic Satellite 3:00 - Sittercize ***** 14. SUNDAY BRUNCH FRENCH TOAST
15. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize 5:30 - Yahtzee Nite	16. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance  1:00 - 4:00 Cards! Cards! Cards! Cards!	17. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting	18. 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class 5:30 - Roarin 20s Dance with Tina	19. 10:00 - Coffee Klatsch 11:30 - Lovells Satellite 1:30 - Legal Help 3:00 - Sittercize ***** 21. SUNDAY POTLUCK 4 pm Bring a Dish and Tableware
22. "OTL" 11 am St. Helen 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	23. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 12:30 - Speaker Otsego Munson Home Health Care  Cards at 1 pm	24. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - Baggo-Cardo	25. BP'S 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class on Global Issues 1:00 - Math Class	26. 10:00 - Coffee Klatsch Lunch, However No Dinner 3:00 - Sittercize ***** 27. Potato Soup And Chili Dinner 4 - 7 pm
29. 10:00 - Crafts 12:00 - Stag Cards 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 3:00 - Sittercize	30. 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance ***** 3:00 - Mt. Band *****			

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## Reading Family Fun Night produces multi-family story

On Thursday evening, March 21, the Grayling Elementary School was buzzing with activity as the parent's organization hosted a "Reading Family Fun Night." One of the many fun activities that was enjoyed by all was the following Add-A-Line story in which families added their own next line to the story. The organization hopes that you enjoyed it and that everyone's hopes come true soon.

### "Spring Arrives in Grayling"

On the first day of spring in Grayling, there is still snow on the ground. And in a couple of weeks the snow will be gone. The baseball season starts soon and we can play soon. I like spring very much. Golfers will soon be golfing. We can play soccer outside. We can ride our bikes. We can also roller blade. We can plant flowers in all different colors. We can ride bikes up and down our hill in our driveway.

Go camping at Higgins Lake. The Easter Bunny comes to visit. Soon we'll have birds and bees. And of course, the last Saturday in April is the opener of trout season. And play in mud puddles. The birds will be chirping "happy tunes." We get to go to the beach! My birthday is soon and Dairy Queen opens. It's time to go fishing. We can go skate boarding. Ride my go-cart. The ice will be off Lake Margrethe and I will be able to go

water skiing soon. I can go roller skating. The rainy days will be great for reading a good book. The windy days will be just right to fly a kite. I would like to go and swim. I love to see the spring flowers blowing in the wind. They are beautiful!! Then the monster will come out to eat all the flowers and lay in the sun. We can go for rides in the woods and look for wildlife. I can watch the planes come again. My knee will get better again.

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## DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

1995 was designated as the year of the river, a year for all of us to learn more about, and do more to protect the quality of our flowing waterways. It was a time to gain a further appreciation for the great benefits our rivers have given us, despite the abuses we have subjected them to. I can't help but wonder why there should be one year of the river. Our rivers are centuries old, and with care they will continue to benefit us for centuries yet to come.

The following series of articles will be a mixture of known facts and speculation taken from a variety of verbal and written sources, and this segment is dedicated to the River of Sands, the AuSable, and those who love and appreciate it, especially to a dear departed friend, Lacey Stephan Sr.

The forest shoreline of Lake Huron, from the Straits of Mackinac to the St. Clair River, will soon be ablaze with the colors of the season. It is a late afternoon in early September, 1669, the shadows are reaching far out into the blue waters of the lake, as a birch-bark canoe, paddled by two men, plays

its way south. Perhaps without realizing it, Adrien Jolliet, the Frenchman in the bow of the canoe, is the first white man to take the Michigan side of Lake Huron to the lower lakes. The Iroquois in the stern of the canoe was my far-back ancestor, a recently-released prisoner, who had offered to guide Jolliet back to Quebec by an easier route than via the Ottawa River. The two men had been paddling since before sunrise, and now they swing into the mouth of a river, whose sandy bottom revealed the darting shapes of fish frightened by the passing canoe. The shoreline was littered with driftwood, soon to become part of a small fire, and while neither man knew what river this was, Jolliet called it the River of Sands.

Later in September, 1669, Jolliet and his Iroquois companion met a party of Frenchmen and Indians at the west end of Lake Ontario, under the command of Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle. In the group were two Sulpician priests, Father Dollé of Casson and Father Brehan de Galigne, who planned to accompany LaSalle to the Ohio, but upon learning from Jolliet

about the lack of missions in the upper lakes, they decided to leave LaSalle. Using a map, drawn by Jolliet, of the route he had just taken, the two priests became the second and third white men to traverse the Michigan side of Lake Huron in 1670. Perhaps they too camped at the mouth of what Jolliet had called the River of Sands, for Jolliet must surely have made note on his map of the location as a stop-over place.

Authors note: In August, 1679, LaSalle and his ship, the Griffin, the first sailing ship on the Great Lakes, survived a severe storm just off the mouth of the AuSable. LaSalle was to be killed in Texas in 1687, and the Griffin was to be sunk by a fierce Lake Huron storm near the west end of Manitoulin Island in 1679.

The shoreline near the AuSable would have been an ideal place to camp, since it flowed cleanly into Lake Huron without having marshy areas to contend with, so perhaps other famous explorers such as Daniel Sieru Duluth, Baron de Lahontan and Louis de Louvigny camped there also.

## GMS 6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

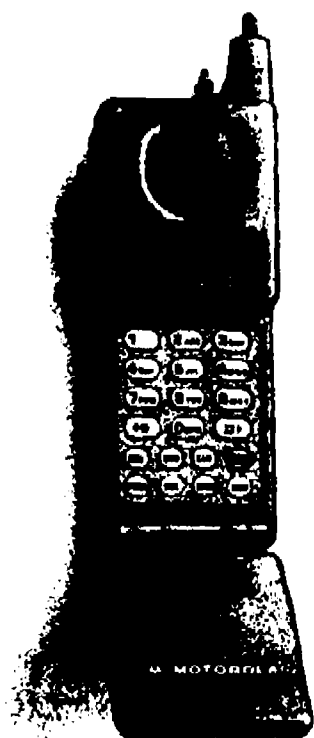
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Michelle Elsner  
Kelly Jansen  
Tasheena Joseph  
Rachel Ramaswamy  
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Chet Wheeler

**6th Grade**  
"B" Average or Above Honor Roll  
Larry Baynham  
Jennie Bourrie  
Jenna Bugyi  
Alisha Carlisle  
Keil Clough  
Ashlee Cox  
Shalee Cox

Nicholas D'Amour  
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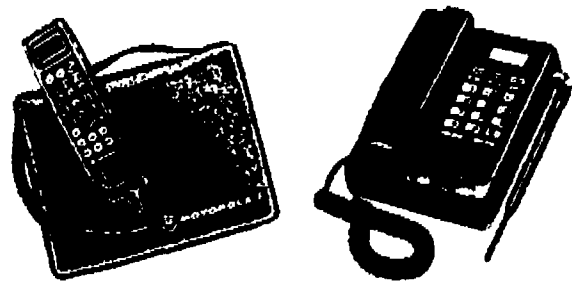
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The treasure in this instance is a tree, in fact, the largest tree in the county. In honor of Arbor Day, April 26, Consumers Power Company is joining with the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance to promote the "Third Annual Michigan Big Tree Hunt."

"The contest rules are simple," said Douglas P. Williams, electric forestry superintendent for the utility. "Participants of all ages need to search their communities to find the tree with the widest girth. A prize will be awarded to each individual who locates the largest tree entered from his or her county."

Additional prizes will be awarded to the person locating the largest white

pine (Michigan's state tree) and to the largest tree found in the state. Last year's winning trees and the trees listed in the Michigan Big Tree Register are excluded from the competition.

Winning entries will be verified and multiple entries are allowed. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 31. In the case of duplicate entries, the one with the earliest postmark will win.

Entry forms for the contest may be obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Region and District Offices, local Soil Conservation District offices, or by calling Global ReLeaf of Michigan toll-free at 1-800-642-7353.

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# NOTES NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday March 28, 1996

## Further cutbacks in wildfire budget could cost lives

'We've reached the lowest level we can go and still function,' Duane Brooks, DNR area fire supervisor

By Linda Sherwood  
Staff Writer

Already stretched to minimum coverage, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Management Division could face even further cutbacks as the state slashes funding.

The Department of Natural Resources is responsible for providing wildland fire protection to over 20 million acres of state, federal and private land. Unfortunately, the department's wildland firefighting forces have not kept pace with the increased need for wildland fire protection over the past 20 years.

With the height of fire season approaching, concern about possible fires are growing.

"Our worst season is in the spring when the snow leaves until green up," said Duane Brooks, area fire supervisor from the Department of Natural Resources, Forest Management Division.

"We've reached the lowest level we can go and still function," said Brooks. Currently there are only 97 fire officers employed by the DNR. In order to meet minimal needs, the department should have 117 fire officers employed. Locally, the Grayling DNR Fire Management Division is at full staffing, according to Brooks.

On a day when fire danger is high, (temperatures in the 60's or above, relative humidity of 25-30 percent and 15 mph winds) a jack pine fire can burn 20 acres in 15 minutes. After an hour it will be 300 acres, and after one and a half hours it will have burned more than 700 acres. The Stephan Bridge Road Fire was moving at 277 feet per minute during its most dangerous period. That is nearly one football field every minute or an average of more than 1,000 acres per hour.

The main problem with the department is trouble filling jobs, said Brooks. The governor has issued a cap on the amount the department can hire and that number keeps getting lowered.

Lower priority offices aren't able to fill vacancies, which will have severe impact on back-up staff for this area.

"We just don't have the people to respond to a multiple fire situation," said Brooks. Thirteen stations have



closed since 1980 due to budget shortfalls. When adjusted for inflation, the fire program's budget has actually decreased by 21 percent since 1978.

The fire division has already experienced a 10 percent cut in travel costs, said Brooks. The department is not aware yet the exact amount of the overall budget for next year.

The state has considered the possibility of other agencies, such as local fire departments taking over the responsibility of wildland fire protection. The local departments do not have the specialized, off-road equipment or training needed to control a large wildfire. Local fire chiefs report that they have all they can handle in training and equipping their departments to meet their structural fire protection responsibilities.

The USDA Forest Service also has limited capabilities in Michigan. They must rely on the ability to bring in equipment and firefighters from outside the state. According to the DNR, spring fires in Michigan happen so quickly and violently that these resources usually arrive after the fire is over.

In order to fulfill its fire protection mission, even at a minimal level of protection, an additional \$2.5 million per year is needed for additional positions, to replace, upgrade and repair facilities and to maintain and replace major equipment on a regular schedule.

In 1990, the Stephan Bridge Road Fire near Grayling burned almost 6,000 acres, 75 homes, and over 100 outbuildings, vehicles, boats, all in about five hours.

## Investigators continue to explore crash of F-16 at Camp Grayling

By Linda Sherwood  
Staff Writer

"Knock it off."

Those were the words spoken by Ohio Air National Guard pilot, Captain Douglas J. Cligrow as he realized he had a mechanical problem with the F-16 Fighting Falcon, from the 178th Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ohio, he was flying on Tuesday, March 16.

Those words, according to Captain Brian Dawson of the Michigan National Guard United States Air Force, signal that someone has got an emergency situation and means to stop all nonessential radio communication.

Dawson describes the fatal day beginning as just a normal day at the range. Dawson works in the air-to-ground tower at Camp Grayling's bombing range clearing flight traffic.

Four jets had departed Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena for a mission over the Camp Grayling range as part of the unit's Operational Readiness Evaluation exercise.

Dawson said the run started with the jets coming in from the north at a normal, 30-second interval. After recording gun numbers, tail numbers and flight plans, Dawson cleared them "hot."

The four completed their brief attack run successfully. The planes carried training bombs, not live explosives. After terminating the mission, the flight lead requested an overpass of the run. Dawson O.K.'d the second run and was exchanging radio communication with the four planes when the "Knock it off," call was issued.

The number two plane was experiencing mechanical difficulties. When the number one plane pulled up next to the second plane, Captain Cligrow told him to get away and that he was experiencing mechanical difficulties, according to Dawson who was watching the drama unfold from the tower.

Captain Cligrow made another pass of the bombing range in an attempt to correct his plane before he finally ejected from the one-man aircraft, said Dawson.

"I was ecstatic when I saw the chute," said Dawson. The actual plane crash wasn't the big explosion that you

would expect, he said. The \$18 million plane went down over a ridge, approximately one and a half miles from the air-to-ground tower where Dawson stood.

"I didn't hear anything," he said describing the crash, "just saw some smoke."

An Army helicopter in the area was able to pick up Captain Cligrow within minutes of the crash. The helicopter brought him to the air-to-ground tower where he drank a pop. According to Dawson, the pilot didn't receive a scratch. Captain Cligrow was transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

The plane crashed in a remote location on the range. The crash site is contained within a fairly small area. Little remains of the F-16 other than the tailpiece, which is clearly visible and stands straight up in the middle of the wreckage. Members of the Air Force National Guard have been providing security at the crash site around the clock, since the crash occurred. Some pieces of the plane continued to burn over 24 hours after the initial crash.

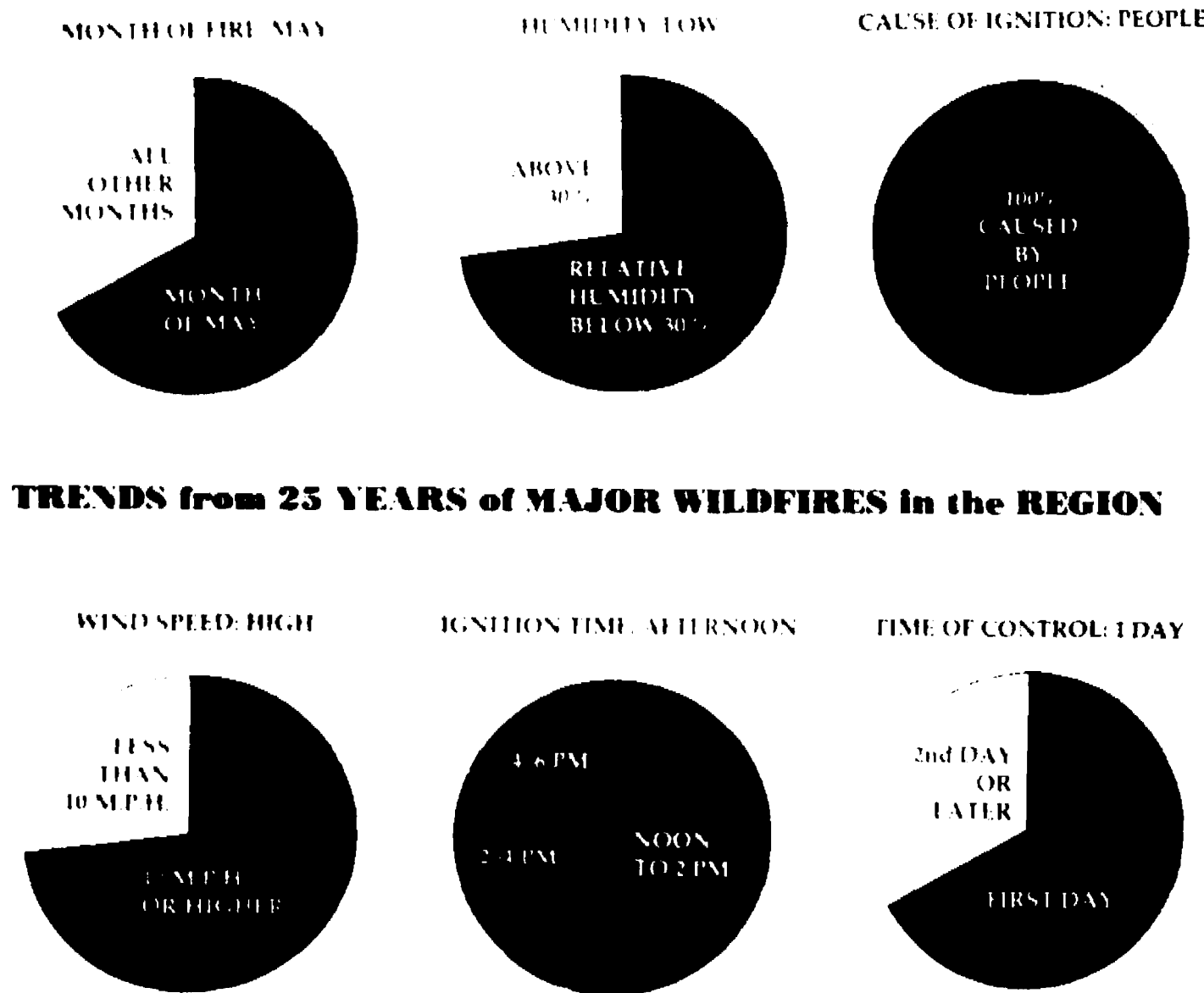
Bulldozers plowed a path close to the crash site, but the site must be reached on foot. Several trucks have become stuck trying to get back to the crash site.

Officials from the Camp Grayling air-to-ground range cannot recall ever having a plane crash before. Exercises at the range have been cancelled until the investigation is completed. Normally, the bombing range is used daily with over 4,000 sorties a year over it.

Media have been prevented from seeing the crash site, with military officials citing difficult accessibility and safety concerns as the reasons.

A three member board of qualified Air Force officers are investigating the incident with the full cooperation of the Ohio and Michigan National Guard.

At this point, there is no reason to believe there was any pilot error or crew problems that caused the crash, according to military officials.



## Sheriff Department to take over animal control

By Linda Sherwood  
Staff Writer

Animal Control will once again be the responsibility of the Crawford County Sheriff Department in about a week, predicts Sheriff David Lovely. The officer working as animal control officer (ACO) will also be responsible for off-road vehicles (ORV) and snowmobile control as well, with a minimum of 20 hours a week being devoted to animal control issues.

Until recently, Crawford County had a contract with Dixie Lobsinger to perform animal control officer duties. Lobsinger's performance came under criticism by some commissioners as being too concerned with the humane aspects and not tough enough on animal control.

County Commissioner Dennis Long applauded Lobsinger and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's humane efforts, but expressed concern about the large number of animals being held at the shelter.

According to Lobsinger's records, Crawford County handles an average of 66 animal control complaints a month. Since 1991, the number of animals taken in by the Animal Shelter for Crawford County has dropped from 1,600 to 823 in 1995. The number of strays, however, has remained constant at around 500 a year.

The sheriff department's budget for the new ACO/ORV division is \$50,670 a year, but possible grant funding could reduce that amount. The budget includes \$1,000 for Lovely and \$500 for Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield for administrative costs.

Lovely described the position as

being a combination of days and nights, with the officer working a minimum of three weekends a month. Weekends are when most animal control complaints are received.

The new ACO/ORV officer will be a certified law enforcement officer, explained Lovely. While enforcing animal and ORV laws, the officer would be able to write tickets for speeding and other offenses and make arrests, but that would not be the officer's primary objectives.

The position offers a salary that is \$4 an hour below the starting salary of other positions within the sheriff department, said Lovely. He stated that figure was arrived at by the department and the union. He feels that due to the low salary, the position will be filled by an officer right out of the academy or with little experience.

Lovely said the position will probably be hard to keep filled due to the low-wage offered. He feels recruits will use the position to gain experience and then move on as other positions open up within the department or elsewhere.

The new ACO officer will receive training on how to deal with wild animals, such as raccoons, and how to euthanize an animal, said Lovely. The officer would not receive training on how to determine if an animal is rabid or starving, etc. The officer would rely on veterinarians to determine those type of medical issues, said Lovely.

Lovely indicated that animals picked up by the ACO would be euthanized after seven days. He said the shelter would not be forced to follow that guideline. According to the resolu-

tion passed by the county commissioners any animals picked up by the ACO are to be turned over to the animal shelter.

Neither the ACO officer nor the sheriff department will be given a key to the animal shelter.

Any bodies that have to be preserved for prosecuting an owner or other determinations the sheriff department will rely on the animal shelter to store, said Lovely.

## Firewise landscaping can protect your home

Wherever homes and structures are built in rural areas the potential for loss of life and property from wildfire exists. Rural homeowners can protect their homes through simple "firewise landscaping" techniques.

Firewise landscaping can enhance the value and appeal of the home, while at the same time reducing the risk of wildfire by providing "defensible space." Defensible space is an area around a structure in which the landscape has been managed to reduce the spread of a wildfire. It provides the fire service with an opportunity to succeed in suppressing a wildfire, and can often protect a structure from a slowly spreading wildfire even without fire department intervention.

Within 30 feet of all structures: This part of the landscape is the primary defensible space zone. Within this zone, take steps to manage the landscape to reduce the amount of burnable vegeta-

The officer will be hitting high incident areas such as crossings on M-72, Lovells, and Frederic.

"The officer is not out there to write tickets, but to make sure people are abiding the law safely," he said.

When asked about veterinarian bills, costs of autopsies and care of animals, Lovely said those types of items would be covered under a \$5,000 allocation in the budget for contract services.

Maintain an area free of combustible materials within three feet of structures. This strip is the first section of your defensible space, and reduces the threat of a surface fire coming in direct contact with a structure. Within this area, use noncombustible landscaping materials, such as gravel, marble chips, concrete, or mineral soil. Marble chips or pea gravel can be used as a mulch or ground cover within this area. Rock gardens provide an excellent fuel break while providing an attractive focal point.

Trees within the 30-foot defensible space area should be pruned to a height of six to 10 feet. Space trees so that the edges of crowns are 10 to 16 feet apart. This will provide a pleasing, park-like setting while inhibiting the spread of a wildfire.

## Grayling City Council speaks out

Members of the Grayling City Council voted unanimously to write a letter to the editor of the Traverse City Record Eagle protesting an opinion expressed in the Sunday, March 24 issue. The editorial dealt with the recent crash of an F-16 jet at Camp Grayling.

The unsigned editorial stated, "There are too many people living too close to the camp to allow jet fighters packed with fuel and loaded with bombs to practice

there."

Mayor Robert Goinick said, "I don't think our Michigan National Guard and our Camp Grayling should be belittled like that."

Robert Stevens said, "It's really a crap write up."

The opinion piece was accompanied by a cartoon of people trying to catch falling planes at Camp Grayling with butterfly nets.

The opinion piece called Camp Grayling "hopelessly outdated" when it comes to modern jets.

Viking Volleyball players, Amy Neal and Brooke Blaauw, received all-conference honors with Jessica St. Germain and Vicki Creps being named as all-conference honorable mentions at the Volleyball awards banquet, which was held Wednesday, March 20, at the Iron Gate Restaurant.

**All received medals for their second place finish at the Grayling Subway Invitational**

On awards voted by the team, Creps, Neal and Blaauw were recognized as tri-captains. Blaauw, Neal and Lawrence received Most Valuable Player awards. Creps earned the Hustle Award while Smith earned Most Improved. Blaauw and Shahan received the Most Spirit award. Creps and St. Germain were recognized by parents for their outstanding setting abilities. Amy Neal was honored with the Flo Hyman Award of Excellence.

Saluted for maintaining a 3.0 or higher grade point average during their four years of volleyball while also managing other student, church and community activities were Creps, Lawrence, Blaauw and Ormsbee.

Coach Rebecca Brown and Assistant Coach Gina Bidwell gave out five coaches awards for unique contributions, which went to Vicki Creps, Trisha Ormsbee, Erin Smith, Jessica Waite and Jennifer Weirowski.

The Vikings finished third in the league this season behind Rogers City, and Whittemore-Prescott. They were eliminated at districts by Petoskey. Season highlights were wins against Roscommon, Gaylord and then state-ranked Tawas.

Of the 1995-96 Vikings, Brown said, "We didn't meet all of our goals, but we accomplished a lot of good things and we went through a lot...illness, injuries, deaths, growing pains and we came through it well because we came through it together. I've learned from them as they have from each other. We've grown."

Also thanked were the parents who had set up the concessions for the home tournament and for their continuing support throughout the season, Chuck Fick for donating to the team and the athletic department for their support, managers Ryan Schlehuber and Josh Schoen and JV Coach Marty Winkler.

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**POOL LEAGUE WINNERS**--The Red Barn I team of (L to R) Howard Lemazster, Dean Worden, Capt. Phil Faustman, Jason Thayer, Todd Messerschmidt, Terry Messerschmidt and Jan Thayer.

## POOL LEAGUE

<b>Mens's Pool League</b>		Frogs	114
<b>Final Standings</b>		Breakers	107
<b>Total Wins</b>			
Red Barn I	172		
Frederic Inn	165		
Chief Shuppenagon's	157		
Weyerhaeuser	156		
Plaza	154	Legion	108
Red Barn II	149		
Spike's	138	Shuppenagon's	98
		Spike's	86

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## Senior skiers honored at awards banquet



**MOST VALUABLE SKIERS** -- Pictured are Seniors Ryan Schlehuber and Erin Welke with Coach Mike Wieland. The two were selected as most valuable skiers based on their consistency and victories combined.

For the last time in their high school skiing career, three seniors received awards on Tuesday, March 19, at the awards ceremony. Top awards went to Ryan Schlehuber, Erin Welke and Jessica Wyss.

Schlehuber and Wyss received the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Awards (MHSSCA). Schlehuber was selected to the MHSSCA All-Regional Ski team and Wyss was a member of the All-State Academic team.

"Ryan had a great regional meet, placing third in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom," said Coach Mike Wieland. "Jessica made the all-state team, which requires a minimum of 3.5 grade point average for junior and seniors who have raced on the varsity teams for a minimum of two years."

Special awards went to racers for top racing consistency. Receiving the honor for the girls were Kim Hartman at 64 percent, Katie Olson at 68 percent, and Welke and Wyss at 95 percent. For the boys were Colin Hunter at 76 percent, Travis Hopp at 86 percent and Schlehuber at 91 percent. Consistency awards relate to times raced and times used for team placement.

Team victory awards were also given to the racers placing first on the team in each race. Wyss received two, Olson received six, and Welke received 13. For the boys it was Jason Steele with one, Hopp receiving three and Schlehuber receiving 18.

The most valuable skiers were selected by consistency and the number of victories combined. Receiving the honor were Welke and Schlehuber.

Both girls and boys teams had winning seasons with the girls winning 53 percent of their races and the boys winning 69 percent of their races.

"I thought the racers did a great job," said Wieland. "Upper-classmen led the way and the freshmen responded. When seven of 13 racers were freshmen and you compete with the people we do, it's great to have a winning season. The team is already looking forward to next year's competition."

Receiving first-time varsity letters were Olson, Hartman, Kristin Kearney, Brooke Ginther, Hunter, Eric Thompson, Josh Mueller and Clark Wilcox.

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## Inexperienced softball players work hard to become a team

The young, inexperienced Grayling High School varsity softball team is working hard to gain knowledge and work as a team.

"Our goals are simple," said Coach Gerry St. Germain, "gain knowledge, work hard, play hard and compete every inning like it is the last."

Despite their inexperience, the Viking softball team knows the important thing: how to work together as a team.

"The players really help each other as teammates," said St. Germain. "Even when they are competing for the same position. They are hungry and they believe in each other."



**SWING BATTER BATTER** -- Members of the Viking varsity softball team were practicing their batting techniques during a recent practice. Pictured is Junior Jessica St. Germain warming up as she waits for her turn in the batting cage.

### THE 1996 ROSTER:

**Arica Burkett, #2** -- A returning junior with a good attitude, quick bat and some outfield experience, who is working hard on her pitching.

**Onna Ingvarsson, #5** -- Coming up from the JV squad, this junior has a good attitude, and has participated in several pitching clinics. She hopes to take the mound for GHS.

**Jessica St. Germain, #6** -- The returning starting shortstop, this junior has a good bat, strong arm and a good work ethic.

**Rebecca Shahan, #8** -- Moving up from the JV squad, this junior has a good attitude, strong arm and good speed.

**Amanda McEvers, #9** -- A senior in her last season for GHS, she brings good speed, fast hands and some outfield and infield experience to the team.

**Jennifer Wilkins, #10** -- Returning to varsity play after sitting out a year, this senior is quick, strong and has outfield experience.

**Jessica Waite, #11** -- This junior brings both infield and outfield experience to the team. She is returning from last year with a good bat and a strong arm.

**Nicole Osga, #12** -- A sophomore coming up from the JV squad, she has a good attitude and is sound fundamentally on defense and is working hard to be one of the starting pitchers.

**Brooke Blaauw, #14** -- A strong catcher returning for her last year playing for GHS, this senior has experience in all nine positions. She is a strong leader with high expectations.

**Jennifer Wallace, #15** -- This senior has been working hard at the catcher's position. She brings experience in both the outfield and infield, a quick bat and good work attitude.

**Renee Wesley, #16** -- This junior comes up from the JV squad, working herself into shape to become a good pitcher and batter.

**Jennifer Richardson, #19** -- A returning senior who was the starting first baseman last year, she has a quick bat and a sound glove. She is working hard on her pitching techniques.

### Grayling Viking Varsity Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/PLACE
4/11	Gaylord	4 p.m. Home
4/12	West Branch	4 p.m. Away
4/16	Roscommon	4 p.m. Home
4/18	Lake City	4:30 p.m. Home
4/19	Kalkaska	4:30 p.m. Away
4/23	Houghton Lake	4 p.m. Away
4/26	Whittemore-Prescott	4:15 p.m. Away
4/29	Roscommon	4 p.m. Away
5/3	Kalkaska	4:30 p.m. Home
5/7	Gaylord	4 p.m. Away
5/10	Rogers City	4:15 p.m. Home
5/17	Alcona	4:15 p.m. Home
5/20	Elk Rapids	4:30 p.m. Home
5/24	Onaway	4:15 p.m. Away
5/29	East Jordan	4:30 p.m. Away

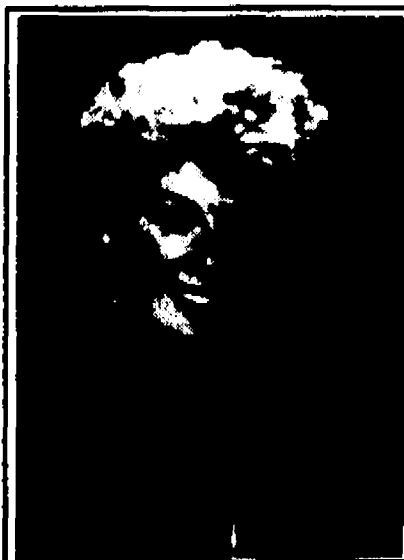
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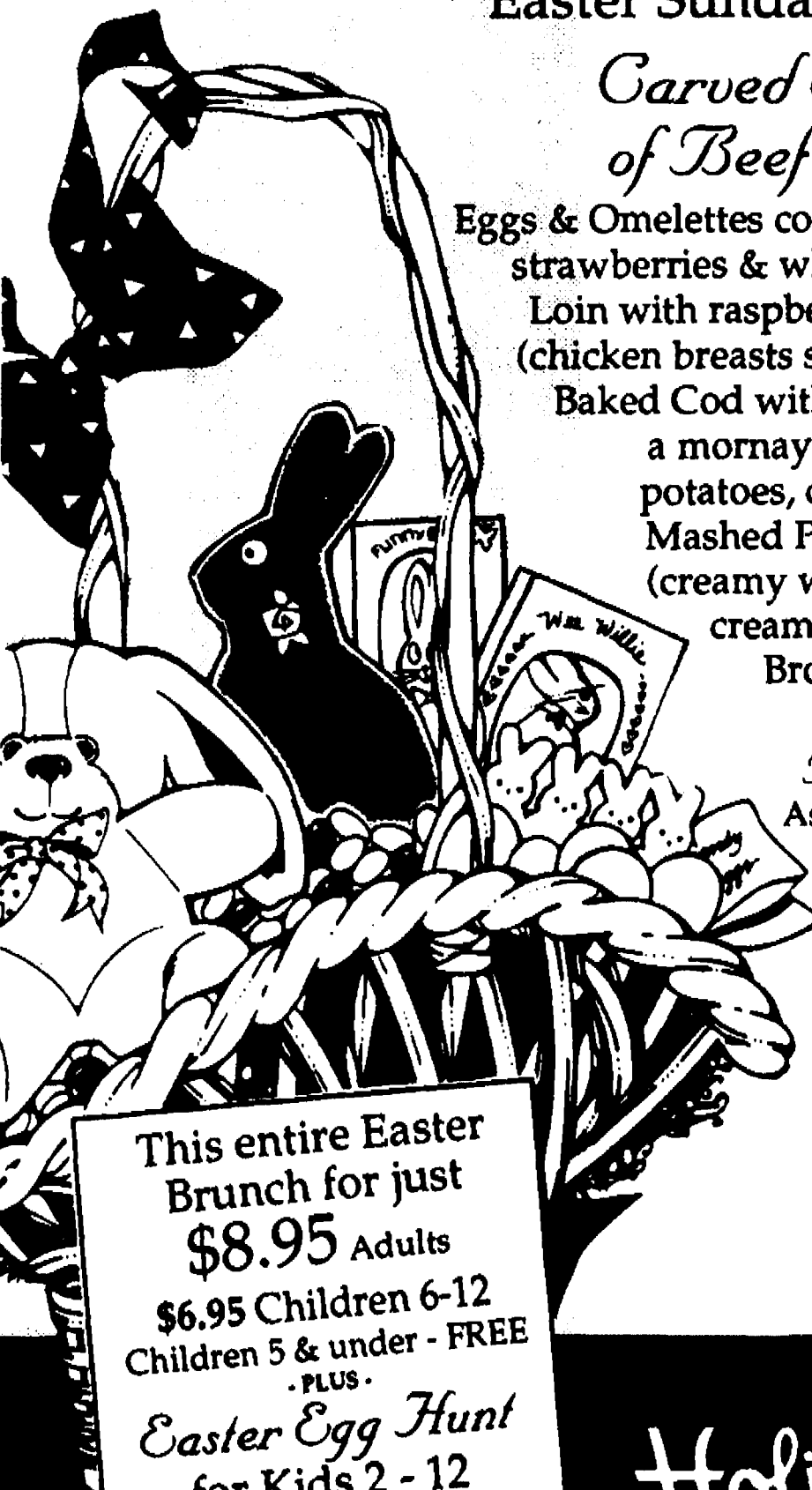
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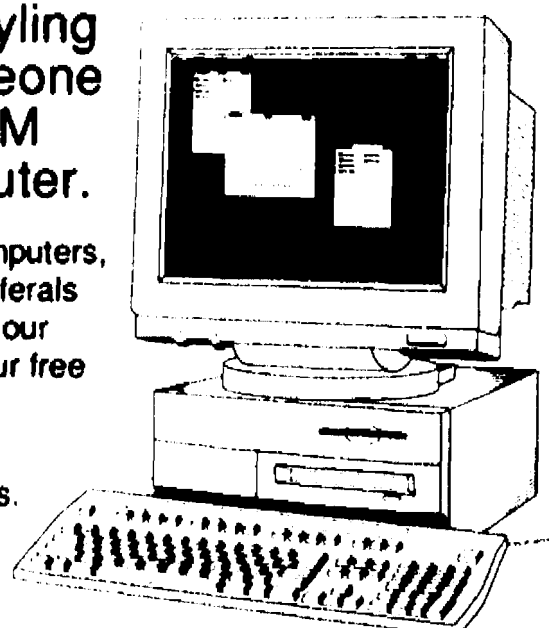
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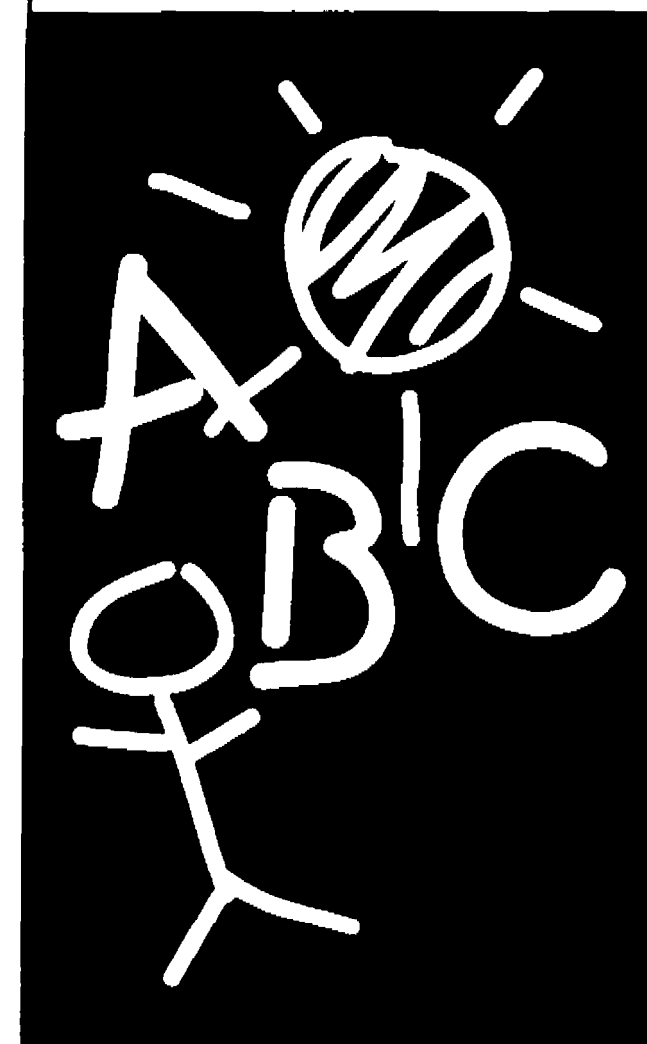


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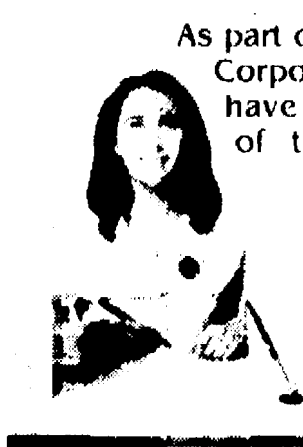
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North Country R.V.	19-29
Peterson Saw Service	18-30
High Game: S. Rioux, 212, S. Nieske, 210, D. Labinger, 194, High Series: D. Labinger, 526, S. Rioux, 514, S. Nieske, 512	

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Buccilli's	56-48
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Men's High Game: R. Biron, 197, B. Dandy, 195, H. Ingram, 179, Men's High Series: R. Biron, 525, B. Dandy, 523, H. Ingram, 480	
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 204, J. Dandy, 184, A. Payne, 171, Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 517, A. Payne, 460, V. Johnston, M. Biron, 443	

American Mens League	
McLeans Hardware	22-6
Red Barn	17-11
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Upper Lakes Tire	16-12
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Rod's Auto Body	12-16
Fenton's Auto Service	2-26
High Game: L. Davis, 212, R. Pyle, J. Lee, 211, High Series: L. Davis, 508, L. Davis, 545, R. Pyle, 543	

Thursday Coffee League	
Glen's Market	31
Johnson's Survey	30
Lone Pine	29-5
Wakeley's	26
AuSable Construction	25
Buccilli's	24
Plaza Bar	21-5
Shady Acres	21
High Game: E. Helsel, 196, B. Helsel, 177, S. France, 174, High Series: E. Helsel, 529, L. Dannenberg, 492, S. France, 491	

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Us & Them	33-15
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Mac's Drugs	19-29
All Seasons Drywall	17-31
Men's High Game: R. Pyle, 203, L. Wilde, 196, D. Canfield, L. Helsel, 192, Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 528, D. Canfield, 522, L. Helsel, R. Adkinson, 514	
Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 194, S. France, 187, M. Miller, 183, Women's High Series: S. France, 539, M. Miller, 502, J. Hinds, 501	

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### Cowboys

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Outlaws  
Marshalls  
Posse  
Cowgirls  
Young Guns  
Rustlers

### Little Indians

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Mohawks  
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Cheyenne  
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### Gold Rush

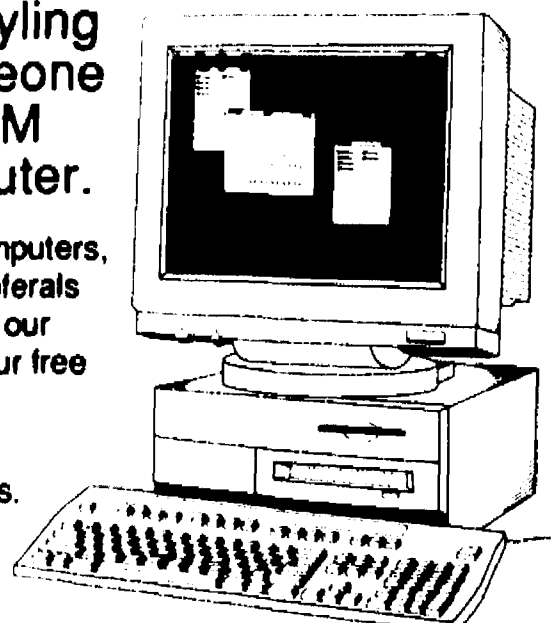
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ROFFEE'S ADDITION				ROFFEE'S ADDITION			
1051	070 200 011 011 00	1993	1566.39	1058	070 200 027 010 00	1993	1471.01
	W 1/2 OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 11				LOT 10 BLK 27 ROFFEE'S ADD		
	ROFFEE'S ADD					1993	1286.39
1052	070 200 015 011 00	1993	1344.04	1059	070 200 028 005 00	1993	28.70
	LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 11				LOT 5 BLK 28 ROFFEE'S ADD		
	ROFFEE'S ADD					1993	
1053	070 200 020 005 00	1993	2184.00	1060	070 200 028 006 00	1993	129.08
	LOTS 5 & 6 BLK 20 ROFFEE'S ADD				LOT 6 BLK 28 ROFFEE'S ADD		
	ROFFEE'S ADD					1993	
1054	070 200 022 005 00	1993	162.36	1061	070 200 030 005 00	1993	2505.18
	LOTS 5 & 6 BLK 22 ROFFEE'S ADD				LOT 5 BLK 30 ROFFEE'S ADDITION		
	ROFFEE'S ADD				VILLAGE NOW CITY OF GRAYLING		
1055	070 200 024 003 00	1993	1549.37	1062	070 200 030 006 00	1993	619.35
	LOT 3 BLK 24 ROFFEE'S ADD				LOT 6 BLK 30 ROFFEE'S ADD		
	ROFFEE'S ADD					1993	
1056	070 200 024 010 00	1993	838.02	SALLING HANSON AND CO'S ADDITION			
	LOTS 10 & 11 BLOCK 24 ROFFEE'S ADD						
	TO CITY OF GRAYLING						
1057	070 200 025 001 00	1993		1063	070 210 002 001 00	1993	
	LOT 1 BLK 25 ROFFEE'S ADD				THE SW 1/4 66 FT OF LOT 1 AND THE SW 1/4 66 FT OF THE S 1/2 OF LOT 2		
	1/2 OF LOT 2 BLK 25				BLK 2 SALLING HANSON CO PLAT		
					1993	981.70	

## Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

IF YOUR 1993 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 7, 1996, TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 6, 1996.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley  
Crawford County Treasurer

-14-21-28

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Crawford through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office is proposing to make application for a Housing Preservation Grant through the Farmers Home Administration. The grant application will be for \$118,000 to be used for very-low and low-income families, county-wide, single family units, owner-occupied for housing rehabilitation to assist in eliminating safety and health hazards and overcrowding which would contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of the unit without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, arrest record or physical or mental handicap if such person has capacity to contract.

The proposed project will provide loan funds through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office to rehabilitate single family owner-occupied housing.

Comments will be accepted at the Crawford County Courthouse in the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office between 8:30 am and noon or between 1 and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The courthouse is located at 200 Michigan Avenue which is at the south end of Michigan Avenue, downtown Grayling. Anyone wishing to telephone in comments may do so during the same times at (517) 348-2841, ext. 253. Comments will be accepted until March 31, 1996.



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## NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

### Road/Stream Crossings Whirlpool and Mt. Frederic Roads

#### The Road Commission For Crawford County Crawford County, Michigan

Sealed Proposals will be received from Contractors having current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification, by The Road Commission For Crawford County, at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 1 pm local time on Friday, March 29, 1996, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud.

The project consists of work at three separate locations. Two, of which, are on Mt. Frederic Road and one is at the end of Whirlpool Road. Work at the Mt. Frederic Road locations involve removing existing culverts, installing a 6'x12' precast concrete box culvert, and extending existing 36" culvert. Work at the Whirlpool Road location consists of replacing existing culverts with a 42"x29" pipe arch culvert. At all three sites there will be erosion control measures constructed and some minor road work.

The Instructions To Bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at The Road Commission For Crawford County offices, and also at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., P.O. Box 576, 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$40.00 per set. The Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications For Construction, 1990 edition, is also part of the contract.

Each Bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

This is a Federal Aid Project under the provisions of Section 113 of Title 23 U.S.C., as amended by the Federal Aid Highway Act Of 1968. The Davis-Bacon Act is applicable and requires the Secretary of Labor to determine the minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractor and Subcontractors, which rates will be given in detail in the proposal.

The MDOT Contractor prequalification work classification is 8E, 8Fa, or 8J. The project is subject to 60% limitation on Subcontracting.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn for thirty days after the bid opening date.

The Bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond for 100 percent of the total contract amount.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission For Crawford County  
Mr. James Briney, Managing Director

-7-14-21-29

## LEGAL ACTION

### SYNOPSIS

### Beaver Creek Township Regular Board Meeting March 11, 1996

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board called to order by Supervisor Schultes at 7 p.m. All Board members were present.

One correction to 2/12/96 minutes in Nordic Ordinance.

Guest speaker Mr. Joe Duran from the Crawford County Building Department.

Mr. Howard Taylor requested the board pass Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses Issued by the Michigan Lottery so that Wellington Farm Park could hold raffles. Ayes: 5, nays: 0. Carried.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, Fire Department/DPW/Planning & Zoning and Sheriff's Liaison Committee Report. No action was taken.

Eleven pieces of correspondence were accepted.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

—Correction to September 1995 minutes.

—Discussion of Personnel Policy with no action taken.

—Discussion on length of time to keep tape recordings of monthly meetings with no action taken.

—Discussion regarding Billman Road.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

—Motion by Mubarak to accept list from Fire Department for proposed dates to hold classes in Community Center. Carried.

#### COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

—Mubarak moves that we send letter to Senator McManus asking for continuation of personnel property taxes. Carried.

—McDonough moves that we pay AP bills. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

### SYNOPSIS

### Lovells Township Regular Board Meeting March 12, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Schaible, Hopp, Haberland, Fuchs and Duby, along with four others.

Motion approved to amend the 95-96 General Fund Budget in utilities for \$1,000 and in Zoning Board salaries for \$75.

Minutes of the 2-13-96 meeting were accepted. Bills in the amount of \$6,401.34 in the General Fund, \$2,209.37 in the Fire Fund, \$1,389.23 in the Landfill Fund, and \$37.29 in the Liquor Fund were approved to be paid.

The treasurer's report was accepted and correspondence placed on file.

Fire Chief reported two runs, and Liquor Inspectors report for February filed.

Motion approved to hire Roger Phillips to man dump site #1 due to Robert Brown's resignation.

Board recessed the board meeting to go into a public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Budgets were reviewed in all six funds. The board closed the public hearing and returned to the regular meeting of the board at 7:54 p.m.

Motion approved to accept the Insurance policies from Michigan Township Participating Plan for fiscal year 96-97.

Motion approved to accept the 96-97 General Fund Budget by activity for a total of \$97,645.

Motion approved to accept the 96-97 Fire Fund Budget by activity for \$70,126.

Motion approved to accept the 96-97 Landfill Fund Budget for \$27,390, Liquor Fund Budget for \$685, Library Fund Budget for \$708, and Gypsy Mox Fund Budget for \$00.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

### STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 95-3587-CE

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP,  
A Municipal Corporation

Plaintiff

vs

BONNIE BARNES,

Defendant.

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312

Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 593

Roscommon, MI 48653

#### ORDER TO ANSWER

#### ORDER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 4th day of March, 1996.

PRESENT: HONORABLE WILLIAM A. PORTER, Circuit Judge.

On the 8th day of June, 1995, an action was filed by GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, Plaintiff

herein, against Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, in this Court involving a question of ownership

of certain real property in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan being described as follows:

Lot Eighteen (18), RED WING TERRACE, According to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, shall answer or appear and take such other action as may be permitted by law on the 22nd day of April, 1996 at the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Grayling, Michigan.

Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, is hereby notified that she may, at any time prior to the Court date, contest this case by appearing herself or by an attorney of her choice in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, and filing a written answer to the complaint herein made, or she and her attorney may on the Court date, present their defense at which time the matter will be heard by the judge in the above Courtroom. Failure to appear on the Court date designated above will result in a Default Judgement being taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Defendant may demand a trial by jury in which case the jury fee must be paid.

Dated: March 4, 1996

/S/ By: George W. Alexander  
WILLIAM A. PORTER,

Circuit Judge

Dated: Feb. 5, 1996

DOUGLAS C. DOSSON,

Attorney for Plaintiff

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law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan, on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 10:00 a.m.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26, North Range 4 West: Commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence West of the North line thereof 478' to the Point of Beginning, thence South parallel with the East line thereof to the North Bank of the AuSable River, thence West along the said river to a point which is 644' West of the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, thence North on a line parallel with the East line thereof to the 1/8 line, thence East on the 1/8 line 166' to the Place of beginning.

The property is commonly known as 6917 West Legner Trail #K, Grayling, Michigan.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: March 14, 1996

OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY

By MIKA, MEYERS, BECKETT & JONES, P.L.C.

Attorneys for Mortgagee

By Mark A. Kehoe

200 Ottawa Avenue, N.W.

Suite 300

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(616) 459-3200

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### Frederic Township Board

### Regular Meeting March 12, 1996

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hulbert at 7 p.m. Members present: Hulbert, Bindschattel, McLeod, Harmer and Sajdak. There were two citizens present.

Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to accept minutes of Feb. 13, 1996, motion carried.

Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to accept treasurer's report and approve payment of vouchers #13102-13141 in the amount of \$9,321.03, and vouchers #107-110 in the amount of \$26,274.21, motion carried.

No citizens wished to speak.

REPORTS:

—Fire Department: One structure fire and one P1 where jaws were used.

McLeod made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to increase rate of body bag use for non-residents from \$100 to \$125, motion carried.

—Library: Circulation, 290; Statistics, 281.

—Clerk: Agreement with auditor has been signed and mailed to him.

CORRESPONDENCE:

—Liaison Committee: March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Sheriff's office

—Michigan Jobs Commission—March 20, at 1 p.m. On-site review

—NEMCOG: Bindschattel made motion, seconded by Harmer, to pay Annual Dues for 1996 fiscal year in the amount of \$500, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

—Bindschattel made motion, seconded by McLeod, to have the two outside door locks changed and keyed alike, motion carried.

—Garbage Pickup: Tabled till next meeting.

—Sajdak made motion, seconded by McLeod, to purchase new chair for secretary, motion carried.

—Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak, to give a 25¢ wage per hour increase to secretary effective on first pay period in April, motion carried.

—McLeod to check on Mercury Personal Tax.

Harmer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Nancy L. Bindschattel, Clerk

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

March 20, 1996

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## NOTICE

Nominating petitions and affidavit forms for the Crawford AuSable Board of Education are available at 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. The deadline for filing is no later than 4 pm Monday, April 8, 1996.

There will be one four-year position on the annual school election June 10, 1996.

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## NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is now accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

Applicants must be residents of Crawford County and submit a letter expressing their interest to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in care of: Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, by the close of business on Monday, April 8, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

March 20, 1996

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## NOTICE

Applications are being taken for appointments on the Construction Board of Appeals. Interested applicants shall be residents of Crawford County and qualified by experience or training in any of the following: electrical, plumbing, heating, building, engineering, legal or any past experience which may qualify them to perform duties of the Construction Board of Appeals. Submit all applications to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners c/o Sandra Moore, County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, by April 11, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

March 19, 1996

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## DART LEAGUE

#### Grayling Dart League

Red Barn Animals ..... 18-3  
Plaza I Gunderson's Grenadiers ..... 17-11  
Plaza II Gunderson's Rebels ..... 11-10  
Frogies Jumpers ..... 7-14  
Shoppeneagons Indians ..... 4-17

## GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

#### March 19 semi-finals

Spike's 67—Church 22, Thompson 22, Patterson 12, J. Gardiner 5, Pouter 4, T. Gardiner 2; Patti's/Camp Grayling 58—Doremire 20, Junttila 15, Latusek 8, Cooper 7, Dannenburg 6, White 2.

#### March 21

#### Tournament Championship

Spike's 49—Church 25, Patterson 11, J. Gardiner 8, Thompson 4, T. Gardiner 1; Holiday Inn 41—Mertes 11, Finch 8, Hamlin 7, Simons 6, Weaver 4, Dean 3, Weiler 2.

## MILITARY NEWS

Army Pvt. Beth A. Businger was graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Businger is the foster daughter of Cassie R. and Michael J. Campbell of Grayling. She is a 1995 graduate of Grayling High School.

## HONORS LIST

Kaethe E. Callewact of Grayling, has been named to the deans list for winter term at Northwood University in Midland.

Callewact is the daughter of Joseph and Jean Callewact of Grayling.

### Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting March 12, 1996

Members Present: John Medler, Lynnette Corlew, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stancil. Members Absent: None. Others present: Cheryl Baker, Richard Land, Attorney Wolvenne Power, Joe Moua, Sheriff David Lovely, John Baker. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to approve minutes of Feb. 13, 1996 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.



# FACTS AND FEATURES

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

### Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: March 24 - 30, 1996

- ARIES**  
March 21-April 19 Don't pay attention to the gossips. They are seldom right and generally have only half of the facts.
- TACRUS**  
April 20 - May 20 Dicker with dealer before making a large purchase. Don't be tricked into making an unwise decision.
- GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 20 Pay a little extra attention to your health care needs. Don't neglect your well-being.
- CANCER**  
June 21 - July 22 Great possibilities lie in store. Be more enthusiastic for good things are yet to come.
- LEO**  
July 23 - Aug 22 Do not rely on outmoded equipment and aging data to give you a contemporary answer. Dig deeper and ask for help.
- VIRGO**  
Aug 23 - Sept 22 Take finances into consideration before committing to helping others. Don't co-sign or guarantee anything.
- LIBRA**  
Sept 23 - Oct 22 It will require sheer will power to achieve your current goal. Stick to your guns and don't let others steer you off course.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct 23 - Nov 21 Your big plans may have to be changed, but some change can be for the better. Look at the positive side.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 22 - Dec 21 Shop for lucrative, tax-free investments. Your accountant will not have good news this year.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22 - Jan 19 You have ample reason to feel optimistic about your personal relationships. Love is in the air.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan 20 - Feb 18 Putting your best foot forward now will help you dig in your heels later on. Strut your stuff.
- PISCES**  
Feb 19 - March 20 Investing in your home will pay great dividends in the future. Look into refinancing and refurbishing.



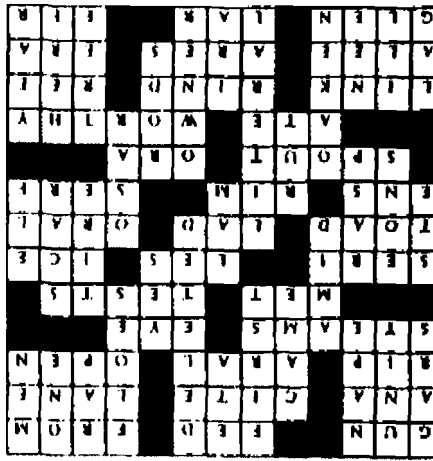
**TOSHA NEEDS A HOME**—Tosha is a 10-year-old female German shepherd. She is housebroken and is good with kids. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

## PET CARE TIPS

It is a myth that cats become fat and lazy after being spayed or neutered, says the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Cats, just like people, become fat because they eat too much and don't get enough exercise. In fact, cats that are spayed or neutered live longer lives and make better companions. By the way, The HSUS says that female cats should be spayed BEFORE their first heat cycle.

## WEEKEND CROSSWORD

### THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



#### ACROSS

- Weapon
- Nourished
- Indicates source
- Literary collection
- Quote
- Narrow way
- Tear
- Russ. sea
- for business
- Fumes
- Body part
- Ran into
- Tries
- Calif. indian
- Brown
- Dessert
- Amphibian
- Youth
- Spoken
- Printed measures
- Edge
- Esne
- Say pompously
- Day breeze, lt.
- Fed oneself
- Deserving
- Cuff
- Peel
- Sheepfold
- Sheltered
- Zeus' son

- Age
- Dale
- Household god
- Ever
- DOWN
- Long-nosed fish, pl.
- One
- Back of neck
- Initial
- Greek letter
- Eliminated
- Ice mass, pl.
- Knock
- Single
- Troops
- Arrived
- Among
- Affirmative
- Grown weary

- Cicatrix
- Female saint, abbr.
- Ages
- Coarse file
- Flee
- Sprite
- Exact
- Eskers
- Groove
- Old Bucket
- Possessor
- Land measure, pl.
- Woody plant
- In this place
- Time period
- Fall behind
- Sick
- Born
- Gershwin

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 years ago March 29, 1973

Work is progressing ahead of schedule at the new Grayling High School. Workmen are presently installing floor covering, chalkboards, bulletin boards, lockers, cabinetry, etc.

The Grayling Free Methodist Church held their first service in their new building Sunday, March 23, with 37 people present. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Avis transferred their membership from Adrian.

The Mt. Pleasant Selective Service area office will test a draft registration by mail project during April, in counties where there is no draft board.

The Grayling Country Club will be open for the season April 14. Play on the course will be permitted as soon as turf conditions permit, possibly by April 7.

A 25-year coaching reign came to an end last week when Tom St. Germain tendered his resignation as Grayling High School varsity basketball mentor to the Crawford AuSable Board of Education.

St. Germain steps out of the basketball wars as one of the most successful coaches in Michigan, with a 268-won and 104-lost record.

Central Michigan's junior varsity basketball team climaxed an undefeated season by honoring six of the players with post-season accolades.

Among the freshman players, Jim Tobin of Grayling, led the team with 49 assists and tied Lapeer sophomore Clarke Adams as the team's top foul shooter. Both made 15 of 21 tries for 71 percent. Tobin earned his teammates' vote as best hustler.

Tom Latuszek has just returned from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he completed an intensified 2-cycle training course at the Evinrude Motors Factory Service School. Latuszek, who lives at 606 Erie St., Grayling, is service technician for Riverside Enterprises, the local Evinrude dealership.

Ivajoan Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher of Grayling, has completed her program of study at Muskegon Business College during the winter quarter. She will receive an associate degree in Business at the formal graduation exercises to be held Aug. 17.

Mrs. Lou Bitters is a patient at Mercy Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinsman and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman returned home after enjoying a vacation in Florida.

The Grayling Archery Club JOAD shooters participated in the National Jr. Olympic Archery development program held at Cobo Hall in Detroit, March 17. The local team came in seventh place out of 29 teams from all over the United States. Members of the team include Debra Stephan, Tim Bitner, Diane Stephan, Tom Miller, Jim Stevens, John Rolfe and Jim Benedict.

### 46 years ago March 31, 1950

The City Council of Grayling, at a special meeting held last week, voted to place parking meters on three blocks of Michigan Avenue and on two blocks of Cedar Street. The vote was for a 6-month trial, and was four votes for and one member, George Burke, absent.

The meters will be installed on both sides of Michigan Avenue, from the New York Central railroad tracks to Spruce Street, and on the east side of Cedar from Ionia to Ottawa. The meters will be placed about May 1, and will go into immediate operation. Angle parking will be continued on Michigan, and parallel parking on Cedar. All center-of-the-street parking will be eliminated, City Manager Max Davenport said.

C. Ray Snider, who has chaired the Michigan Canoe Championships for the past two years, was named on the Grayling Chamber of Commerce's canoe race committee at a board of directors meeting last Friday.

The junior class was host to a large crowd of people on March 15, when they presented their class play, *We Shook The Family Tree*. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Roy Milnes, who deserves special mention for a job well done.

Ervin Dunckley and family of Walled Lake, the Phil Dunckleys of East Detroit, and the George Gowards of Ionia, spent the weekend with the Lyle Dunckleys. Mr. Goward is Mr. Lyle Dunckley's brother.

Plenty of running water in the south of Frederic.

Jerry Joe Smock was an overnight patient at Mercy Hospital Monday night, with a broken ankle, which happened during basketball practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson are happy over the arrival of a baby daughter at Mercy Hospital on March 26. She has been called Marilyn.

Mrs. Ted McEvers and Miss Lou Ann McEvers entertained with a miscellaneous shower at the Grange Hall last Wednesday, for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bielski, who were married

recently. Mr. and Mrs. Bielski arrived here some time ago from Albany, New York, and are at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bielski temporarily. They hope to make Grayling their permanent home.

Grayling firemen wish to thank Tony Nielson and all others who have furnished refreshments for them while fighting fires.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Farrington and daughter, Miss Jackie, spent the weekend here visiting their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Heng.

Rev. R. C. Putter will speak to a Future Farmers of America group Sunday morning at the Michigan Conservation Training School at Higgins Lake.

Ray and Eva Horner made their first trip out by car to Frederic Sunday. They have spent the last six weeks at their cabin on the Manistee River, and the only way to get out was by snowshoe.

A robin was seen Tuesday morning at Penrod's cabins. We bet he was very unhappy to see that it was snowing again.

The Robert Bovee family spent the weekend in Petoskey and Mackinaw City, visiting the Wm. Christenson family. Mrs. Pearson Spaulding and daughter, Patty Kay, of Lovells, are spending the week at the Bovee home while Mr. Spaulding is a patient at Mercy Hospital.

### 69 years ago March 31, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates accompanied by Miss Mildred, Mrs. Rose Pond and Mrs. Daisy Kraus, motored to Lansing Monday.

Mrs. Edgar Caid of Lovells, has resigned her school work at West Branch, and Miss Margaret Douglas will complete this year.

Miss Hazel Cassidy underwent an appendectomy at Mercy Hospital Saturday morning.

The following persons are driving new Essex sedans, purchased from Corwin Auto Sales: Peter Lovely, Chris Hoelsli, Howard Granger, Harry Hemmingsen and Dewey Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser and son, Otis, returned Saturday from a visit in Nashville.

Miss Helga Jorgenson arrived Tuesday from Detroit, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and family enjoyed a visit over Sunday, from Mrs. John McKinnon and daughter, Eunice, of East Jordan.

Mrs. Agnes Bissonette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul LeBrash, who underwent an operation at Mercy Hospital last week, is getting along nicely.

Harold S. Edwards is the first Crawford County boy to apply for enrollment for the 1927 Citizen's Military Training Camp.

Mrs. John Benson entertained a few friends at her home Tuesday evening, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Signe Rasmusson.

### 94 years ago April 3, 1902

Born Tuesday, April 1, to Mr. and Mrs. William Hatch, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Beebe on March 31, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rasmusson, a daughter on the 28th.

### Editor's Quote Book

You shall judge of a man by his foes as well as by his friends.  
*Joseph Conrad*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
*Psalms 23:1*

## LOCAL WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground
3/20	42	22		10"
3/21	32	23		10"
3/22	35	11		9"
3/23	30	11		9"
3/24	39	17	T	8"
3/25	47	19	0.07	7"
3/26	48	26	0.06	8"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be partly sunny, with the highs of 25 to 30. Thursday calls for dry weather. The highs will be in the 30s, with the lows in the mid 20s. There is a chance of rain or snow showers on both Friday and Saturday. The highs both days will be in the 30s, with the lows in the mid 20s.

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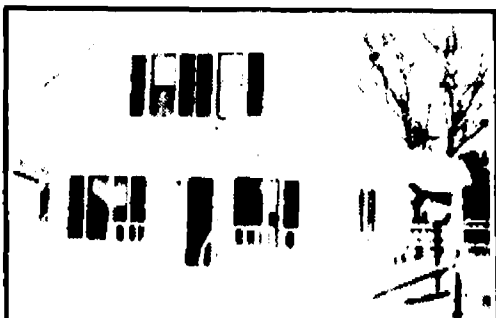
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**CARPETED ROOMS** with kitchen privileges, reasonable, weekly or monthly. Spruce Motor Lodge, downtown Roscommon. LR3/28/96/2

**CLOSE TO TOWN** Medium efficiency cabin, \$250 per month, plus electric. Security deposit and \$50 cleaning fee required. No pets. 348-5124 or 348-5621. -28/2

**LARGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT** with basement. Excellent middle school neighborhood. \$375 plus security deposit. References, please call 348-8524, leave message. -28-4/2

**THREE BEDROOM**, two bath, furnished home. Two car garage. Lake Margrethe access. One year lease, \$550 per month, plus utilities. No pets. Call 348-7860 for appointment. Available April 12, 1996. LR3/29/96/2

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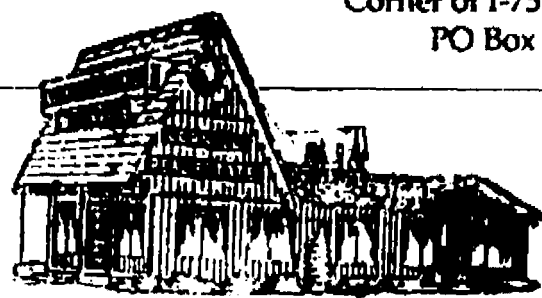
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**544 FT. EAST BRANCH FRONTAGE** - 1,734 sq. ft. home-like new, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, large deck and shed. Includes appliances. Lots of extra features. Large price reduction. (LM-669)



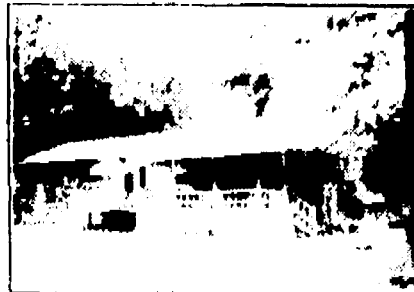
**AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM** - 3-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower-level great room, 20x34 w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/half bath, great view of river. \$125,000. (MC-479)



**AUSABLE RIVER** - Flies only - Adjoins state land, 17% of frontage, 928 sq. ft. chalet, 1 1/2 baths, heat, ideal location for fishing, fishing and snowmobile. \$75,500. (LJ-24)



**NORTH BRANCH AUASABLE RIVER** - Three bedroom home, 1 1/2 baths, full-finished walk-out basement, 24x30 garage with blacktop drive, satellite dish, back up generator. Lots of extras, large wooded lot with 275' of river frontage. Nice view. Reduced to \$94,900. (LM-681)



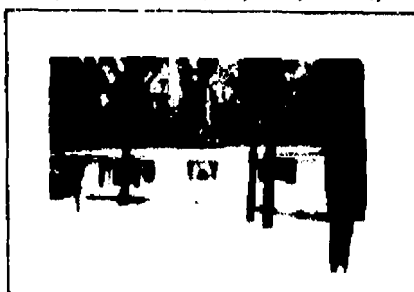
**AUSABLE** - 180' frontage South Branch, 4-bedroom home, two baths, garage with workshop and living quarters. Second garage with office. What a view, so many extras, you need to see this in person. \$175,500. Reduced \$142,500. (LM-674)



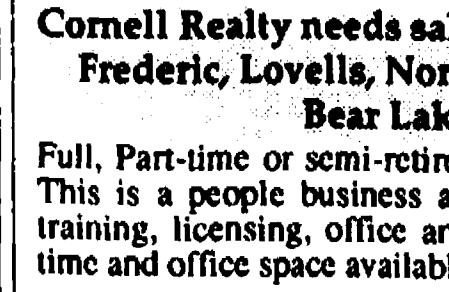
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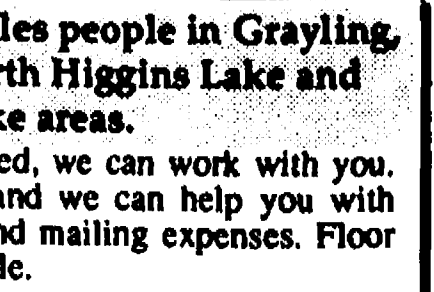
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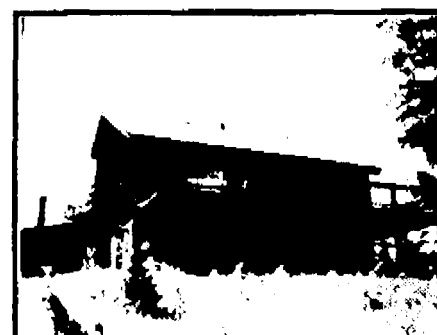
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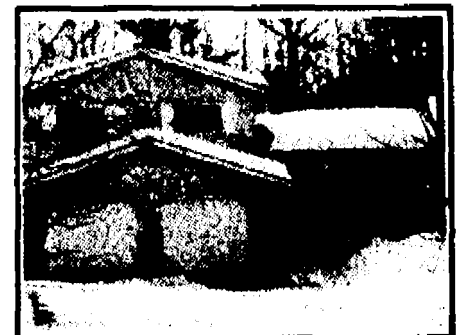
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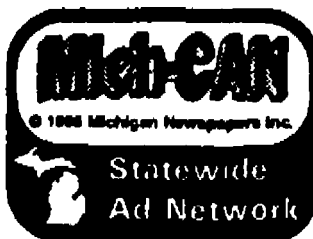
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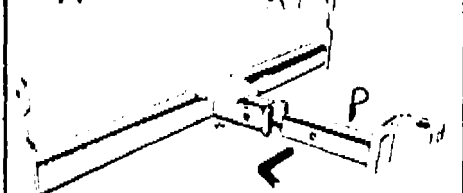
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Bid Division 1062-CA Concession Stand / Restrooms  
Bid Division 1063-CA Press Box

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at 3 pm local time, at the AuSable Primary School job site office, 306 Plum Street, Grayling, MI.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Frank Figgels, c/o Crawford AuSable Schools, 1000 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Proposals must be received "prior" to 3 pm Thursday, April 18, 1996. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud in the E&V, Incorporated job site office at 306 Plum Street, Grayling, Michigan beginning at approximately 3:15 pm. All Bids will be evaluated after the bid opening.

The Project will utilize separate prime contracts. All contracts for construction will be direct contracts with the Owner. Overall administration of the Project will be the responsibility of the construction Management Firm, E&V, Incorporated.

The Owner will award contracts on or about Monday, April 22, 1996, to separate Contractors for separate Bid Divisions or combinations of Bid Divisions. Any Bidder, at his option, may submit a combined Proposal for any combination of Bid Divisions by offering a Combined Bid Deduct. A separate Bid must be submitted for each Bid Division included in any such combined Proposal.

All Project procedures and documents are designed to facilitate delivery of the Project through multiple prime construction contracts. The Owner's forms, rather than industry master forms, are used for all documents. Bidders shall read and review the Bidding Documents carefully, and shall familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

Requests by Contractors for inclusion as bidders shall be addressed to the Construction Manager. One set of Bidding Documents will be provided free of charge to Bidders. The Bidding Documents are on file for inspection at the Architect's office. A \$50 document replacement charge will be assessed only if the Documents are not returned to the Project Team in good and usable condition within 10 days of the Bid Opening.

Requests for additional sets of Bidding Documents shall be addressed to the Construction Manager, E&V, Incorporated, 1960 West Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, Michigan, 48629 (517) 366-9099 Attn: Michelle Hancock. A charge may be assessed for such additional sets.

Proposals shall be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished separately by the Construction Manager, and shall be completely filled in and executed in accord with the Bidding Documents.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5% of Base Bid) shall accompany each proposal.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days. Successful Bidders may be required to furnish Surety Bonds, as stated in the Specifications.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, to accept other than a low Bid, and to waive formalities, irregularities and/or errors in Proposals, which they feel is in their best interest.

## INVITATION TO BID

Kirtland Community College will receive sealed proposals from qualified bidders for the construction of a proposed Parts Tech Lab addition and renovations to the existing Voc-Tech facility.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will not be held. However, contractors are encouraged to visit the facilities prior to bidding to thoroughly familiarize themselves with project conditions. To schedule a visitation, please contact Rich Colvin, Director of Physical Plant at (517) 275-5121, ext. 249.

Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to Mr. Michael Wahl, Dean of Institutional Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 North Saint Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Proposals must be received prior to 1 pm (local time) on Wednesday, April 24, 1996. Proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud at 1:15 pm. All bids will be evaluated at a later date.

The project will consist of a "General Contract." The General Contractor will have a single contract with the Owner. Overall administration of the project will be the responsibility of the "General Contractor."

The Owner will award the project contract to the bidder whom they feel may represent the best interest of the College.

Construction is scheduled to begin May 6, 1996, and must be completed by August 2, 1996.

Bidders shall read and review the contract documents carefully and shall familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements.

Requests by Contractors for inclusion as Bidders shall be addressed to Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C., 215 South Court Street, Gaylord, MI 49735. PH: (517) 732-6218. Bidding Documents will be available on or about April 1, 1996. The Bid Documents are on file for inspection at Kirtland Community College, Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C., and the following locations:

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Bid security in the amount of five (5%) of Base Bid shall accompany each Proposal in the form of a bid bond, cashier's check or money order. A personal or company check does not constitute a Bid Security.

Proposals shall be submitted on the Proposal forms provided in the Bidding Documents and shall be completely filled in and executed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish surety bonds as stated in the Contract Documents.

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The Owner reserves the right to reject any of or all Proposals, to accept other than low bid, and to waive formalities, irregularities, and/or errors in Proposals, which they feel is in their best interest.

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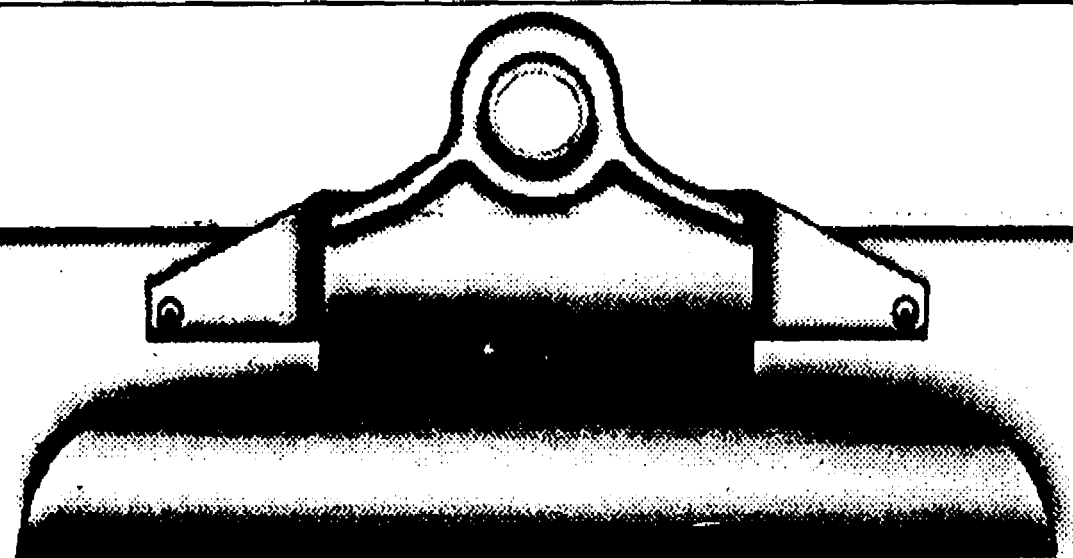
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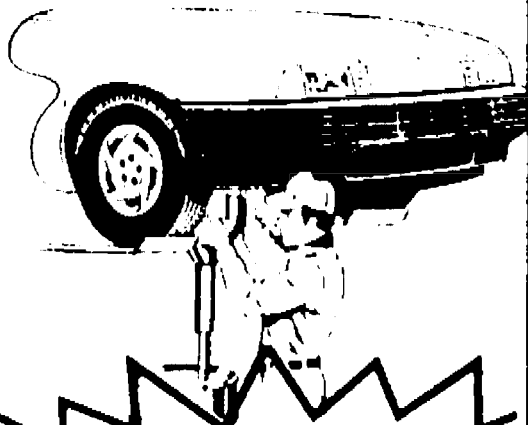
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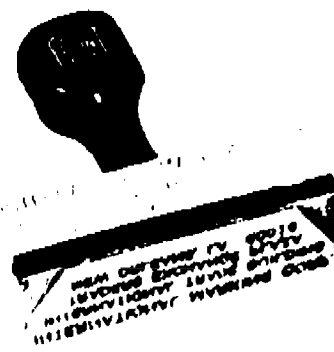
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## Local officials search for causes of teen crime

**By Molly J. Gudritz**  
**Capital News Service**  
Local administrators cite many reasons for increased drug use and crime among Grayling teenagers in the past two years.

Capt. Mike Johnson, jail administrator for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, believes the increase in crime and drug use has had a lot to do with a lack of activities for teenagers in Grayling.

"There just isn't enough for kids to do here," Johnson said. "We need the community to pull together and develop something like a community center for kids to help stop this problem."

Grayling High School Principal Joel Raddatz said, "It goes against all logical thinking, but we have found that when kids are busier, they do tend to stay out of trouble. Kids also tend to do better in school when they're busier."

Other administrators disagree with Johnson's reasoning.

"I think that there is always something for kids to do if they want to," said Tom Haskel, the Crawford County Probate Court juvenile officer. "I think this is a case of peers influencing one another."

Haskel also believes that the media have caused some of the increase in drug usage, along with increased availability of certain drugs.

"It's a national phenomenon," he said. "If young people want to get involved in drugs, it's much more available to them."

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely attributes the increase in drug use to the people moving to Grayling from southern Michigan.

"I'm not saying this is all of it, but we have had an influx of down-state people move north," he said. "I think that when they move up here, they bring the problems from those areas up with them."

In 1993, the most recent year available, Michigan State Police figures show 38,981 juvenile arrests across the state. Of that, only 10 were in Crawford County.

"This problem is nothing that is unique to our community," Raddatz said. "The national numbers have been going the wrong way for the past couple of years."

Haskel, Johnson, Raddatz and Lovely all agree that marijuana is the main problem locally.

"There is an occasional use of acid," Lovely said. "There aren't enough people in this area that make enough money to afford other illicit drugs," such as cocaine and heroin.

Raddatz said, "I think that this is a societal problem. In many cases it's a family thing, not just simply a youth thing. We've seen a lot of parents who

used to do this type of thing growing up and just look at it as a stage that everyone goes through."

Lovely also believes that the root of the problem starts with the family.

"It goes back to good old family morals and values," he said. "These things need to be strengthened in order to start solving the problem."

There have been many different ideas for solving the drug problem.

"There needs to be something in between juvenile and adult placement settings," Haskel said, referring to jail, juvenile detention centers and drug treatment problems.

Education and awareness that there is a problem will help provide a solution, Raddatz said.

"Tougher sentencing won't help," he said. "Kids don't stop and look at the consequences of their actions. We're already tough on this kind of crime."

Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, already knows that jail sentences for drug use will not work.

"They tried jail time for a while, but it caused overcrowding," Lowe said. "They need these places for violent offenders."

Everyone agrees that something needs to be done but notes that Grayling's drug and crime problem is average for similar communities across the nation.

## School openings after Labor Day could increase tourism

**By Molly J. Gudritz**  
**Capital News Service**

Legislation to keep Michigan schools from starting before Labor Day, has some people wondering whether education or tourism is more important.

After some prodding by businesses in her area, Rep. Beverly A. Bodem, R-Alpena, sponsored a bill that would require schools to start after Labor Day, in an effort to keep tourists vacationing later in the summer.

Michigan tourism loses money every year, when schools start before Labor Day, for several reasons.

"I have had many people complain about the loss in work force and revenue that they have when schools start early," Bodem said.

Bodem expects Michigan tourism to make an additional \$35 million in tourist dollars should this bill become a law.

Jerry Meyer, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce director, agrees with Bodem.

"When schools start before Labor Day, the season is killed for a number of reasons," Meyer said. "Not only do people stop traveling, but many businesses lose their workforces."

Bodem claims a number of benefits from a statewide starting date to the school year.

"Not only would tourism benefit, but so would the Treasury Department," Bodem said.

After the passage of Proposal A in March 1994, Michigan's sales tax was increased from 4 to 6 cents, with the increase going to education.

Both Bodem and Meyer believe that tourists dollars over the Labor Day weekend can directly affect education because of the sales tax increase.

"That extra 2 cents doesn't look like a lot, but with the number of people who travel over Labor Day, education

will be greatly benefitted," Bodem said.

Meyer agrees: "I would think that we would want to bring in all the money we could where the sales tax is concerned."

Some administrators and lawmakers see many problems with the bill.

Gov. John Engler, along with Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, and Kent Reynolds, superintendent for Crawford-AuSable Community Schools, disagree with Bodem and Meyer.

"We oppose this bill," said Pat Masserant, deputy press secretary for Engler. "This is a decision that should be left up to each individual school district."

Reynolds said, "I find it curious that the Legislature wants more decisions to be made at the local level and to tell us when we have to start the school year doesn't leave us with a lot of choices."

Lowe agrees that telling districts when to start will take away much of their individual decision making.

If the bill passes, a serious re-evaluation of the current school year will have to be made, Reynolds said.

"We would have to take away vacation days and run the school year into the end of June," he said. "If this happens, attendance will be impacted and will put a crimp in the plans of families who vacation in the middle of the year and in June."

Bodem does not see that as a problem: "This won't affect the school year that drastically. This will just take a day here and there off vacations, and most people don't vacation until after July 4th anyway."

Lowe is concerned with the amount of learning students actually do when summer arrives: "We would have to extend the school year farther into June, and most kids shut their brains off come June."

Reynolds also sees a problem with scheduling the five professional days that teachers attend each school year. The professional days are workshops and classes for educators designed to help them learn new teaching styles, among other things.

"We set aside five full days for professional development for teachers," Reynolds said. "These are best when they're in the middle of the year, so teachers can go right back into the classroom and implement what they learned."

Reynolds said that, under the bill, professional days would have to be lumped into a period before the beginning of the school year and would be less effective.

Leaving the school year as it is now has some people wondering how effective the time before Labor Day is for students.

"Why would the state want to start school just ahead of a major holiday?" Meyer said. "This seems extremely disruptive."

Bodem agrees: "Most schools only start two or three days before Labor Day. What kind of a benefit is it to go for two or three days then have a break? I find it hard to believe that those two or three days are that important."

The proposal is pending in the House Education Committee.

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